





# volume 3 - I'm a NEET but when I went to Hello Work I got taken to another world

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# Chapter 1 ~ End of Dawn's Battle Axe

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A considerable number of Orcs wandered in front of the fortress, blocking the way. They are still far with the fortress wall and there is no sign of them approaching. Perhaps it felt threaten to be in the distance that arrows can reach.

I got off the carriage after it stopped. It seems impossible to break through if we are not excluding the Orcs. The Orcs noticed us and gave a war cry. Then they start coming over here while swinging their weapons.

I feel that there are quite a few numbers of them. No, there really are lots of them. If we are not careful them they might get 2 or 3 of the adventurers. I guess this can be kind of scary. I knocked the arrow to the bow and start shooting the Orcs. Once I entered in the range, I started preparing my magic.

By the looks of it, the fortress seems to have notice the movements of the monster. I can see the fortress gate start opening and then tons of soldiers came out.

"We are also here!" "Oh!"

After the instructors raised a yell that would by no means inferiors compared to the Orcs, all of us start charging towards the group of orcs without faltering. My magic incantation has stopped. But if I shoot it now then it will likely cause friendly fire.

By my observation, I determined the area where not many adventurers are fighting and I went there instead. I do not have the courage to went straight into the group of orcs after all, and I rather guard within the perimeter.

Adventurers and the group of demons start clashing, and then the soldier from the fortress rushed, causing the battle to became more intense. Violent sound came from clashing of sword and the Orcs cub. I also managed to defeated a few that were easy to target with my magic.

But the battle end quickly.

The Orcs is being overwhelmed by our numbers and start collapsing. I thought we would be in difficulty but the adventurers are simply too strong. The assault was a success, and apparently, that's the only thing I remember. I'm glad that I did not charge alongside with the larger group.... "Aren't they strong?" "We have a lot of strong members and a larger team, that number of Orc is nothing to us."

Sergeant – dono who was waiting together explained so. Definitely, it was easy for the reinforcement team to break through. The annihilation was a success, because our team members were excellent.

"Sati, are you really okay?"

I ask her as I saw her coming towards me.

"Yes, I managed to defeated lots of them."

I take a look at Sati's menu, she managed to level up by 1 level. I also managed to level up by 1. After that I raise Magical Power to level 3 and increase MP Recovery Power to level 3. All my point is gone now. As for Sati, I raised her Physical Strength to 3 and it consumed 5P.

Masaru level 12 skill 0 point

Skill Reset	Rasgarde World Standard Language	Clock
Cooking level 2	Covert level 3	Stealthy Steps level 2
Presence	Enhanced Physical Fitness	Willpower
Detection level 4	Recovery	
Physical Reinforcement level 2	Shield level 3	Evade level 3
Martial Art level 1	Archer level 3	Knife Throwing level 2

Swordsmanship level 4	Magical Sense level 1	High Speed Casting level 5
Magical Power Enhancement level 3	MP Recovery level 3	Common Magic
Life Magic	Recovery Magic level 4	Fire Magic level 4
Water Magic level 3	Wind Magic level 3	Earth Magic level 3

### Sati level 14 skill 1 point

Cooking level 2	Household level 2	Sewing level 2
Covert level 3	Stealthy Steps level 2	Sound Detection level 4
Smell Detection level 2	Sturdy	Hawk Eyes
Physical Reinforcement level 3	Evasion level 3	Shield level 2
Swordsmanship level 4	Archery level 5	

By the time I finished configuring skills point for both of us, the battle has completely end. The adventurers who charged ahead of us walked towards the fortress, while some of us went in with the carriages.

Gorbas Fortress is more like a fortified city, rather than your usual fort.

Inside the fortress wall we can see the sight of an ordinary townscape. However, since it is a base for defence and sortie of magic, there are many institutions for safety and military, quite a different atmosphere from Siory town.

We adventurers were guided to plazas that are considered to be training grounds in such military facilities.

“Hear, it’s about two hours to sunset, and I want the enemies around the fort to be killed as much as possible before the sun goes down!”

Sergeant – dono declared to the adventurers that are getting off the carriage. Ooooh, the adventurers replied with loud voice.

The second team will also arrive tomorrow or the day after tomorrow. We must ensure that no danger is presence. Simple units are assembled.

I was called by Sergeant – dono when I tried to get away with Sati.

“You are here. First we have to unload the supplies goods.”

So what he said. I was carrying the goods that I had transported within my item box. Together with Sergeant – dono and Sati, we are guided by soldiers and go to the collection point of goods. I spout supplies to the designated place and it easily turn into a mountain.

“All this by yourself...”

“Aah, he is our secret guy. Do not scout him.”

“I got it, Sergeant – dono. But isn’t it better to use Transfer if you are good at space magic?”

“Unfortunately, I can’t”

“Really...It will be easier to move if the number of Transfer mage increases even by one person. No, I’m sorry. Thank you for bringing our supply. This really has helped to decrease our workload.”

“Um, excuse me! Can you please tell me what happened inside the Starting village?”

“It was destroyed.”

“!?”

“Ma, Masaru – sama!”

I was supported by Sati as my feet suddenly becomes unsteady. My knee is trembling, shocked with the current news.

“Among the people who are in Starting village, do you know whereabouts of a party called Dawn’s Battle Axe?”

“...I heard that nearly half of those in Starting Village are dead. Those who survive must still be fighting against those monsters. I do not know about the exact details. Anyways, it’s been a total chaos for several days already.”

Oh right, the Templar Knights! The people should be fine if the strong Templar Knights are with them!

“Don’t you know where the Templar Knights are?!”

“The Templar Knights should be at their shrine. The location is.... Well, let me guide you there. I know where is the shrine located. It is close to the guild.”

Saying that Sergeant – dono start moving.

“I intended to go to the shrine originally. There you also can take charge of treating the wounded.”

“Yes sir.”

So I answer, yet my mind is still in unsteady state.

Elizabeth, Elizabeth. Please be safe...

“However, if the Dawn’s Battle Axe party in the guild, you might as well get to them. So, what will you do?”

Well, that is also true.

“Let’s go to the shrine. After that I’ll go to the Guild.”

“All right”

Both me and Sergeant – dono increased our pace to the shrine. As for me, I can’t wait to arrive there any longer.

Soon we arrived at the shrine.

Just like in my memory, the location of the shrine is the same as how it is in Siory town. It is located near the Fortress gate on the side of Demon World.

The shrine hall is full of injured people and seems to be functioning as if the waiting room of a clinic.

Sorry. I want to heal you guys but my first priority is Elizabeth’s whereabouts...

I heard a voice from a man who looks like a shrine priest treating the injured.

“Excuse me. Are you from the Kongo’s (Vajra?) squadron?”

“If you are then you should go and protect the gate you know.”

Oh shit. I was found out.

“But some people who are injured are still okay.”

“Hey can I see them?!”

“Forgive my rudeness, you are....”

“Oh, I’m sorry. My name is Masaru, an adventurer from Siory town. People from Kongo’s squad had help to save my life before.”

I thought whether to give the name of the head priest, but he said not to tell others about him, and this person doesn’t necessarily need to know too. That’s why I tell him vaguely.

“If that so, then let me guide you.”

As soon as I left the shrine, we are going ahead to another building.

“This is the dwelling place of the Order of the Shrine. Please wait a moment.”

Apart from the resident Knights, it seems that there are dedicated dormitories assigned to the Kongo squad. I was asked to wait at the entrance for a moment, then someone came out.

“Aa, I remember you Masaru – dono. Thank you for the wild rabbit meat last time.”

It seems that someone from the squad remembers me. I don’t remember him at all though. Because there are one hundred of them.

“Yes, so, I heard that Starting Village was destroyed.”

The man’s expression turns cloudy.

“It was a terrible fight. I managed to escape from the Starting Village, but I met a large group of enemies just before I managed to enter the fort....”

“Hey! Do you anything about Dawn’s Battle Axe party?”

“Well, certainly there was a master. Dawn’s Battle Axe party should have escaped together properly. Just that the situation at that time was too much in chaos so I can say it for sure. If it is captain, then he may know something.”

“Is that so. Were the Kongo squad okay?”

“We had been reduced to half.”

“That is....”

I became speechless. No words are coming out of my mouth anymore....

“It’s okay. I don’t mind. They all died honourably. We are prepared to die.”

The Kongo squad which easily repelled the Harpy’s attack, half of them had fallen. This really is a very fierce battle.

“Excuse me. I’m worried about Dawn’s Battle Axe members so I’m going to find them. I will come again.”

“Really, I hope my teacher is safe.”

Should I go and find Captain Tessian – dono? No, I do not know where I currently am, and the guild is right ahead.

“Let’s go to the guild, Sergeant – dono.”

“Alright.”

Then I follow Sergeant – dono. The guild is in a short distance from the shrine which is also close with the wall of Demon World side.

A person who seemed to be a good worker greeted me when I entered the guild. All the guild personnel were also armed with weapon. Most of the personnel here are former safety guard. They will fight as soon as they finished preparing, aren’t they?

“Oh, instructor Vaucort. He always come by. Are the adventurers still fighting around the fortress?”

“Yeah. Seems like you are having it rough over here too. But be still, tomorrow new reinforcements should be coming.”

“Thank god! We can’t hold out any longer...”

“You see, I am looking for a party called Dawn’s Battle Axe.”

“Wait a moment.”

The staff started asking around, then come back to me.

“Dawn’s Battle Axe party is in the guild’s dormitory next to here. They are in

the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor fourth and fifth room. The fourth room is for man.”

I was saved because Sergeant – dono is here. If it was me alone then it would be hard to find them. Normally I won’t get to experience much of this back where I lived.

“I still have some more works. Masaru can come back here after you meet them.”

“Yes, Sergeant – dono.”

I dashed outside, and quickly find the dormitory. I found the two-story building right in front! Here!

It seems that the door is not locked, so I open the door without permission and see inside. Inside is a living room and I can see many staff wandering around. The stairs are...over there!

Although the adventurers are giving me weird look, I do not mind. Elizabeth!!

I skip the stairs by one step and go up.

Fifth room, fifth room. Found it.

My heart is beating so fast right now.

*Gachan* The door opened and Nania – san face appeared. I can see clearly that she has a crying face right now.

Immediately my heartbeat increased and my heart jumped. Don’t tell me something happened to Elizabeth....

“Masaru – dono...”

“O, oy...Elizabeth...”

Nania – san let me and Sati through the room, then she immediately starts crying again.

Behind Nania – san who weeps to hold back her sadness, we can see Elizabeth lying on the bed.

She is still wearing her usual black robe. Her hands were put together and lie on top of her stomach.

Her face is blue.

It is as if she is already dead.

Oi. Oi?

You're kidding...

"Na, Nania – san, this is....."

My voice trembled.

"Eri she.....always wanted to see you Masaru – dono....."

I come nearer to Elizabeth.

"Elizabeth....."

"Elizabeth – sama?"

I muttered in a very low voice enough to startled Sati beside me, then grasped my hand tightly.

I am afraid to confirm it. When I looked back at Nania – san, I can see she is weeping on the chair.

"Me.....it is all my fault..."

She is muttering with loud tears, putting her face on the desk. Was I too late?

Damn! I should had come here immediately by Transfer when I first heard the news!!

I should had quickly master the space magic so that I could pick her up at any time!!

"Elizabeth..."

With wobbly feet, I started climbing onto Elizabeth's sleeping bed. My face is full of tears till I'm unable to see in front.

"...Elizabeth!!"



“What, why are you so noisy? Oh, isn’t it Masaru. Sati too. You guys came here after all.”

Elizabeth said while she got up. She does so while having huge yawn.

I’m stunned.

Huh? Dead? Huh? What are you saying now?

“Nania, are you crying again? Don’t worry too much, Olba will surely forgive you.”

“A, a, that won’t do Eri. You should still be sleeping because you had used so much magic.”

Used too much magic?

“My worries have it basis. Masaru, do you have Magi tea? That thick man.”

“I, I have but...”

So, I take it out of the Item Box and hand it over.

Elizabeth gulped down the concentrate Magi Tea.

“This is good. This thing is as effective as ever.”

Elizabeth seems to be doing fine. Because I also drink the concentrated Magi tea, my complexion is getting better and better.

... Anyway, I am relieved.

“Hey, what actually happened to Nania...”

I can see her crying loudly.

“It happened during our withdrawal. Olba protected Nania and had his leg cut then.”

Elizabeth said he was cut from his knees. Wait, Olba legs was cuts!?

“You see, she thought that it was her fault, that’s why she keeps on crying.”

So you said...but isn’t Elizabeth wants to meet me?

This is confusing. But I’ll not get angry.

“Who are the others?”

“Only Olba is hurt. Leuven also has a terrible big wound, but he should have recovered after resting or a while.”

“So how is Olba – san wound?”

Elizabeth shakes her head.

“Other than his legs, all of it are just minor injury. But now there is no way he can continue as an adventurer.”

“This...this is my fault. *sniff*”

Nania – san fell on top her desk and started crying again.

“There, there Nania. It’ going to be alright. Olba has forgiven you, right? The guy which Nania loves is not a narrow-minded type after all.”

Elizabeth is comforting Nania gently.

“But...but...”

Elizabeth stared at us, asking us to leave. So we went to the hallway.

For now, it's good that Elizabeth is safe. I'm seriously glad. Really, really glad.

That was bad for the heart.

Suddenly I felt Sati holding my hands, watching me.

“I’m glad that Elizabeth is safe, really glad.”

“Me too.”

I wondered outside for a while and decided to enter the next room. I also want to know about Olba – san condition.

After knocking the door, a member of Dawn’s, Takusu – san come out.

Takusu – san is a scout member of Dawn’s Battle Axe. I do not know much about him though because we don’t have much chance to talk before.

“Isn’t it Masaru. Please get in.”

On the bed, there are both Olba – san and Leuven – san lying around.

“Oh, isn’t it Masaru! So, the reinforcements from Siory town has arrived.”

Olba – san get up from the bed as he said that. He has bandages on whole his body, but he looks just fine. Leuven – san only can turn his head, seeing that he can't get up yet.

"Yeah, I came with the first team. Right now, other peoples are still cleaning up around the fort."

"Is that so. There should be less of them now."

"Hey, about the wound..."

"I can't walk yet, but overall I'm fine."

"I was managed to get treated because I came early and the Healer still has lots of magical energy."

"I was saved. The hospital is not full also. Elizabeth too can't afford to spend any more of her magical power to protect the wall."

Then Leuven – san ask me to come near him.

"I'm sorry Masaru...\*cough\*. I will not fall easily with this kind of injury."

Try not coughing and said that again will ya.

No, no, no, please do not push yourself! Just get back to sleep. You are coughing pretty bad, aren't you?

You have lots of bandages too! You are seriously injured! Like critically injured! Now! I will cure it right now!

【Extra Heal】!!

"Oh, my arm is good as new now. Thanks, Masaru."

Leuven – san got up and said thank you.

"Don't be. Next is Olba – san."

He showed me his leg.

His right leg is completely cut off from the knees. His leg is bandaged and doesn't looks like it is bleeding, but I'm sure it still hurts.

Angela said that if it is completely cut off then it can't be healed anymore. But will not it get better with extra heal?

I start chanting【Extra Heal】— Activate.

“Thank you, the wound has healed.”

However, my legs will not heal. That’s all to it.

“Let’s do it again.”

I will double my Magic power this time. Invoke 【Extra Heal】!! But...

“One more time.”

“It’s enough, Masaru. It’s enough. Don’t waste your magical power. When it is like this, even other people won’t be able to healed it anymore.”

“But...”

“What, there is nothing wrong as it is. I already earned enough money and I’m already planned to retire and do my work at the farm. It will be nice if Nania can comes along. It is a pity that I couldn’t be ranked A, but I’m good as long I’m still alive. If I can get a prosthetic leg then, I can walk again.”

“What about Dawn’s Battle Axe?”

What about Elizabeth?

“That’s right...Leuven or Turks. Any of you want to be a leader?”

“No, I will go back to the village with Olba.”

I don’t want to be a leader, says Turks.

“You always want to follow me, aren’t you?”

“Well, I’m always like this even from when we are kids. But, our life as adventurers so far are not bad. Because of that you never go out with someone before though.”

“How about you Leuven?”

“You know. I have always dream to be a great wizard. If our party are going to disbanded, then I’ll pursue my magical study.”

“Oh, this is the first time I heard about it.”

“Because it is a dream that no one can tell. My affinity with magic has been investigated when I’m still young, and I was told that I’m not talented enough.

However, seeing Elizabeth makes me remember my long-lost passion back. I'm going to chase after my dream again."

"I see. It would be nice if I can become a Great Wizard too."

After that, after talking a little more, we returned to the guild but I want to hear Elizabeth's voice.

I really wanted to talk with Elizabeth, but she was still comforting Nania – san, and I've kept Sergeant-dono waiting for a long time now.

Dawn's is going to be disbanded too, but seeing that everyone could live and meet again, it doesn't matter much anyway.

They are still lucky compared to Kongo squad that got reduced to half the original amount....

# Chapter 2 ~ The Mysterious Masked Priest

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I saw that Sergeant – dono is already waiting when I returned to the guild. I join him and we both get a table at the corner of the hall.

“As I’ve said before, I want you to help treating people at the shrine.”

“Um, I would like to join the defence forces instead.”

I want to gain experience point.

If I have recovery magic level 5, then maybe it will be strong enough to cure Olba’s foot.

“There is not enough Heal user in the shrine. Didn’t you just saw it?”

“Yes sir...”

There’s no way I can argue back if you said it like that. I know that the shrine is full of injured people. Well, if I can finish my work there faster then I might get to return to defence line.

“One more thing. I’m going to borrow Sati.”

“Sati?”

“That’s right. If we have a good archer like her then it would be easier to fight defensive battle.”

To leave Sati and let her face the enemy alone?

I look at Sati. She gazed back to me.

“Of course, if you as her master give me the permission first.”

I decided.... well it’s not good even if she follows me doing the treatment. She will just idle around at best.

“Ano...isn’t it still dangerous...”

“Of course it is dangerous. However, the situation right now is still controllable. That’s why we need to gather whatever strength we have to strike.”

Come to think of it, Elizabeth looks really bad just now. I'm sure she had depleted her magical power.

"I'll keep Sati with you. But I'll have her escape if the situation turned to the worst."

If Sergeant – dono with her...then will it be fine? No, I am still worried.

"Today both of you go to the clinic. It was said that the demons don't attack at night. I'll let you think first, but make sure give me the answer tomorrow morning."

"Understood, Sergeant – dono."

We bid Sergeant – dono farewell, then we walk to the shrine.

"Masaru – sama, I'll like to go."

"Sati..."

"For all this time, I've been told on how useless I'm, about how I'm just a waste of space. I'm happy if I can be of some use to someone else. I'm happy to be able to serve Masaru – sama."

In this world, people treat slaves as possessions, just like other items. But I am a Japanese. There is no way I'll have that kind of mindset. I can't afford to tie Sati together with me forever. Sati need to grow stronger. She can't use magic, so she need to be physically stronger than me and others. If Sati's determined to go and fight, then I better respected her will.

"That's why, that's why..."

"Alright, but make sure you stick together with Sergeant – dono."

"Understood."

"If you're in danger or get hurt then make sure to flee immediately."

"Yes."

"Make sure to come back and report to me every day."

"Okay."

"After that...please don't die. You want to stay with me, forever right?"

“Absolutely, Masaru – sama! Both of us will be forever together!”

I saw the one who guide me last time when I come back to the shrine, then I called him.

“Oya, aren’t you the guys from last time. Is there any other thing that I can help you with?”

“Yea. I’ve been dispatched by the adventurer guild to help as a Healing mage, call me Masaru.”

“Oh, we are saved! As you can see, there are so many patients to treat, but our magical power is already at the limit.”

He might seem bright and cheerful from the outside, but if you see carefully, there is a bag under his eyes.

“Time is wasted. Let’s get to treatment right away.”

“Um. How about me...”

“Sati will take part in defence tomorrow morning, right? You should rest for now.”

Sati also wants to help. Un. I really think that she should not join tomorrow morning.

“If that’s the case will you help me? It would be great if you can prepare drinks and meal for the already healed people.”

“If that is the case, then Sati, think about tomorrow and make sure to save your strength.”

“Yes!”

I went after Sati who went to help other the other priest and overlook the shrine’s hall again. Many people are lying on the hall floor, and doesn’t seem to be able to move because of severe injuries. I had handled larger amounts of patients before back in Siory town, but this time they are critically injured. The hall is filled with moans and stench of bloods. Even though people are steadily being treated, there are lots more injured people coming each time. This way the treatment will take way much time.

They will never finish it if they keep treating people one by one. Area heal, I have never used it, but should I try it?

"Well, should I ask these guys to gather around here first?"

"No need, I will use Area Heal."

"That high art!? Can you really use it?"

The shrine priests started making a ruckus when they heard that I can use Area Heal.

"They are large in numbers. Isn't it better to use Area Heal?"

"Ju, just give me a moment please. I will gather the patients from other places as well."

As I wait quietly, soldiers and adventurers start gathering around.

Some are being supported, but most of them are walking on their own. But if they can walk by themselves, then it can be said that their injury is light compared to the people at the hall, who have grave injuries.

Wait a sec...aren't that too much people? Large number of peoples are gathering in the hall. Looks like even the shrine priest thinks so.

"Um, I've still got some more, is it okay?"

"Let's just try it anyway ... if it's not good, then I will do it separately."

Should I have said that this is my first time trying it? I feel uneasy.

"Actually...please don't be angry if it doesn't work because this is my first time attempting it."

As expected it's hard to guarantee the Area Heal because it's my first try.

"Err, sure. I won't mind it because even I'm not familiar with this magic."

The shrine priest understands my uneasiness.

The hall of the shrine is awfully full with people now. There is no people paying attention over here. Let's get over it now.

We are in the range. The concentration...well I should concentrate more since there are lots of people with bad injuries right now.

Start chanting【Area heal】—

Urgh, as expected the chanting time is long. Besides, it seems like there are circle shining under my body...

Several people seemed to notice this. Faster, faster.

--The chant was completed. Activate!

The whole place is wrapped with light for a moment. It seems like it would be a success.

Oh, the one who was badly injured in the corner has also got up. It seems that it is working.

"I'm cured..." "What is..." "Priest – sama healing magic?" "The injuries are gone!"

I'm already hiding behind priest – san.

I tried not to show casting gestures too much. I also start swinging the sword to looks like an adventurer. They wouldn't even think that the magic was done by people nearby me.

"Severe injuries are completely cured...What is this powerful sorcery..."

Priest – san told me after carefully observing the hall.

"Um, it will be kinda troublesome so please don't tell others about this okay. Just please act like usual."

""Uh ... coughcough ... Oh ... That's right! Your miraculous wounds have been healed by the miracles of God! We have God's protection. Now, those who are cured should rest and fight again. That is the God's will."

"Oh!" "A miracle!" "God protect us..." "I'll fight! Now I can fight again!" "Jingu – sama! Jingu – sama!" "Oh God!" "Thank you. Thank you."

Everyone is giving their attention to priest – san.

I also want to join in, Jingu – sama is amazing! I sent him a look.

I'm sorry for acting conspicuous like Angela. Besides, I'm not disguised with the priest robe and mask like last time.

Should I try it another time?

“Erm, it somehow looked like the healing ended up being done by me, and it somehow feels like I stole your achievements.....”.

He muttered with a low voice.

“No, no, no it’s okay. I hate to stand out anyway. If I let it to get to me then I will lose focus and my magic will get affected. Please stay as you are, me!”

“Yes. But are you really sure about this...”

“I feel a bit tired right now. Can you give me a break?”

Is it because I used a great magic? I still have a little bit of MP left though. Or maybe it’s because I’ve been travelling for two days inside a horse carriage. I didn’t have any good sleep also.

“Ah!! I didn’t notice it. This way please.”

I look at Sati, then wondered what is she doing.

For the time being, I’ll just let Sati alone. I followed priest – san to the room.

I’ll drink some tea. Magi tea, that is.

Un, yummy.

“Anyway, that is some wonderful and powerful Healing magic just now. Even at the Great Shrine there aren’t much people who can use that.”

So, there are some people capable of it...I hope those people can come here.

“Here is a danger zone. It sure will be more difficult to go to Kingdom compared to this...”

That’s right. I also didn’t want to go there without Elizabeth.

“I’ll get better with some rest. Then let’s continue with the treatment.”

“I’ll feel a lot better once I drank some coffee”

“Is it fine? To keep using that kind of magic...”

“Well, I still have some magical power left. More importantly, can you please lend me a priest clothes? The cloth I’m wearing now is kinda...”

It will be safer for me to wear priest cloth rather than appearance of adventurer with sword.

"That's right too. Feel free to use mine then. It looks like we have same size."

"Thank you. Um do you also have a mask? I used to hide my face beneath a mask back when I'm doing treatment at Siory town."

"I see. So that guy is Masaru – sama! There was a rumour! We heard that he is a travelling priest and nobody knows his real identity!"

"Uwaa, this is bad. It wasn't supposed to be like that.

But the people from the shrine will keep this as a secret, right?

"Um, excuse me. Please keep it confidential. I told you earlier, but I don't like to stand out."

"Of course, nobody will know the real identity of a priest who travel and treat for free of charge. He is no Roman. No, no I get it! I'll never tell anybody else!"

I'm depending on you...

I received the priest white robe. After thinking for a while, I decided to wear it on top of my own armour. This fort is a battlefield. It's better if everyone is ready to fight at any time.

"It suits you well, please accept it"

"Is it alright?"

"Yes. I'm honoured that Masaru – sama is using it!"

"Um, thank you for this cloth. I'm younger than you so it's okay to just call me Masaru."

"Is that so? Then I'll call you Masaru – dono."

"Yea. That's good enough."

My name is Danilo. Please call me Danilo.

"So, Danilo – san right."

"Just Danilo."

"Okay, Danilo – dono."

"I'm used to your disposition now."

So, I was given a mask. It's the type which hide only the upper part of your face.

"Hey, why does the shrine always keep some sort of mask around?"

Even at this shrine they got keep one. I wonder if there are many people with such hobbies.

"It's for the ritual purposes. The mask is to represent the God self."

I see. It's just the same as the Noh mask used by Japanese priest. I wore the mask and Priest hat.

*nodnod* "It suit you. A priest who the identity is kept secret! This is nice. I'd love to do it, too."

Danilo – dono give an excited look.

This fort, it looks like it will fall anytime soon, right? Doesn't this person care... Even the situation at the shrine hall looks bad.

"I'm sorry. With Masaru – dono here I think we will get better. That's why I'm getting overexcited. I'm ashamed of myself, we're even in an unstable state of situation.... Let go, I'll show you the way to the treatment room. This way."

Says Danilo – dono ashamed. He looks less excited.

The treatment room has similar structure. Danilo – dono is getting me ready for treatment. I'm taking care of people with grave injuries while others are taken care by the other priest.

It seems like the other Healing mage are giving their all too after seeing me cured the people at the hall. But, there are still many injured people coming in without stopping. Right now, a battle is still taking place at the fortress wall. The person I'm treating tell me the reality of the situation outside right now.

I collected information about the frontline while healing the soldiers and the adventurer. The enemies seem consisted of normal mob such as Goblins, Trolls, Harpies, Ogre, Lizard's men and Orcs as their vanguard. There are also some types that I haven't heard before.

Why is there lots of types mixed together? Has anyone heard about this before? We discuss about this together.

Isn't it because he is a normal soldier so he never heard about it? Or perhaps that this is normal?

Anyway, he told that our frontline is forced to fight a very hard battle.

Many lives were lost in the first battle, and the first wall had fell to the enemy's hand. They managed to breach the second wall before, and I don't know when it will happen again. I will never forgive those who had breached the second wall and still loitering around. Furthermore, their eyes can't see during night so both side will be resting, and the battle will resume in the morning.

There are many enemies. Too many of them.

Even when we are attacking with arrow and magics, the number doesn't seem to be decreasing. Instead, our mage magical energy is drained out. Our archer's quivers are getting emptier too. So, the monsters are trying to get through the wall by using a ladder and towering, but our arrows and magic managed to hit some of the flying harpies and wyvern, causing them to fall to ground enemies. But I'll never abandon this place.

There is a vast city after the fortress wall. If the fortress wall fall then we will get overrun(蹂躪). The arrival of reinforcement adventurers is good, but our situation is still bad.

It will be few days before the arrival of reinforcements from the kingdom. We must try to preserve before that.

I should be looking weird with this mask on, but the patients don't look particularly care.

They must have been used to it, seeing that the shrine priest always wear it during the festivals and rituals. This will prevent me from being exposed to adventurers and soldiers. I can feel that Sati has been conspicuous, that's why I try to avoid her attention here and now. I don't want to stand out any more than this.

But, whenever I treat from person to person, I can see some priest – san faces

are glittering. Sometimes, they will speak a few words here and there. There's nothing special though in their conversation.

How's it going? What is his name?

In addition, whispering things such as "That is ..." "The traveling priest was true ..." "Superior healing art ..." can be heard.

"Um, Danilo – dono. About this travelling priest identity, you keep it silent, didn't you?"

"..."

"..."

"N, no you get it wrong! I swear I didn't said anything! Just that, when they saw your mask and your great healing magic, they start making speculations. From here is close to Siory town after all. Because of that I'm unable to keep it a secret but I'd try to make it sound vaguely..."

"...You spilled the bean, aren't you?"

"I have not said that! But even if I keep silent, people will still be asking and I can't really deny it either, so..."

I see. It's not like I can blame Danilo – dono for this.

"Well, can you try to keep it within here only? I wouldn't want it to spread till Siory town."

"I got it. I'll just do exactly that!"

After I said that I can see he start treating the patient with cheerful face.

There's no way I can keep it a secret if it was found out by the soldiers or the adventurers, but this time it is just the shrine priests. I wonder if it's still a good thing though.

Anyways, I managed to shut the mouth of the responsible one, so I'm a bit relieved. I stop worrying and continue my treatment. This is not a situation to think about this sort of thing after all.

After a while, Danilo – dono comes and meet me.

"I've stopped it. Right now, this news won't leak outside."

Eh? Outside?

"You see. It's very hard to contain this information from spreading outside.... but I promised that nobody will know that it is Masaru – sama."

That is still acceptable. I'll stand out anyways if I keep treating with this mask on. Are there any ways to make me less conspicuous?

Can I just wear a box, and start treating people?

No, no that can't do. I might get famous again as a strange priest who treats people while wearing a box.

I wonder if I can change the way to wear a mask. You know, something like transformation, that can usually be seen in fiction story.

"The travelling priest, a mysterious person who will never abandoned people in need but ask for no rewards either. Nobody knows his identity, just know that he will continuing his journey while saving lives."

Oi, wait a moment. You, why are you the one doing the explanation?

"Just like what I usually said."

"You see, I'm just your average healing mage. I never travelled, usually I'm just dispatched by the guild to do odd jobs, and I do get rewarded properly."

"This again. I rarely see healing magic this powerful. Besides, who has the virtue of hiding their face and hiding their identity, not seeking any wealth or fame? Masaru – dono really is a wonderful person after all!"

"You don't want to give out your name either, right?"

"Aa, do that also. Priest – san."

Something is wrong.

I thought that I managed to not stand out. But somehow, I think I've become more conspicuous instead. I hope the people here will keep their mouth tight...

# Chapter 3 ~ The shrine of various God

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My magical power almost depleted by the time I finished doing treatment at 7.

I'm so tired. I want to get to bed fast. Overdoing the treatment is bad after all.

I was guided back to my room by the priest. I can see Sati has been sitting for a while now. She looks at me, and smile a little.

The room was spacious and there is also a big bed. It is a luxurious room with fine decorations and furniture for two persons. It looks like a hotel suite room, or even a VIP room.

"Um, I don't need this kind of luxurious room, I'm using it to sleep just all. It's fine for me to even sleep inside my tent, at your garden or somewhere else..."

"No way! We have prepared the best room for Masaru – dono. Please do not hesitate to use it. We have also prepared the hot water for bath, and the meal will come shortly after."

After that, Danilo – dono slowly excused himself from our room.

Even when I was in Japan, I have never stayed in such a place like this. Even the room services. I then fall onto the bed. Yeah, it's fluffy and feels good.

"Thank you for your hard work, Masaru – sama."

Sati comes over and says.

"Is Sati not tired?"

"Yes, I'm still fine. I thought about calling Masaru – sama before, but you look busy with your treatment."

I get up from bed, and hugged Sati. I stroked Sati's hair and her ears, but the feeling is reduced because I'm still wearing my armour. Even though it's bold, Sati get me off my armour. It makes me happy to see her taking care of it carefully.

Sometimes, there is also a moment where you are not tired even after depleting your magical power. There was nothing that I can do when we're still travelling on the horse carriage, but now...

The door was knocked right at that time. Why must be now!

I change clothes in a hurry and have Sati greet them. The meals seem have been brought here.

Danilo – dono and a female priest are the one who are serving the meals. Somehow the female priest uniform here looks more beautiful. After she finished serving us, she said something like “I’m your fan. I’m rooting for you! Please give your best.” Just before she went out. What fan...

I ask the remaining Danilo – dono.

“Hey, what does she means by current fans...”

“That’s right. Aren’t the healing mages less known than adventurers and soldiers? So, what will you called to someone who make this healing industry famous, by aliasing himself as a travelling masked priest? A hero. It was just like an appearance of a hero. Well lots of people keep asking about this guy identity and that’s how we respond to it. Somehow the story itself gained lots of attention.”

Are you serious...

“Ano. What do you mean by lot of attention?”

“Perhaps the important figure at the central shrine already knows about you.”

While we are conversing, I also noticed there is a shark fin soup included in the meal. I’ve been healing lots of people today, moribund person, persons full of holes, just name it. Everything was done within half a day. After that, I didn’t even wait to give my name, or even to receive thank you before I fled the scene.

To be honest, it’s hard for me to even cure a moribund person, and the amount of injured person in the hall will increase soon too. It’s not like I’m doing this stuff for rewards, so then I just walked home, dried out.

I’m fortunate that my name was not found out. Once again, I give my thanks

to the Priests who keep their mouth tightly shut.

"Ano! Ano! Please seriously keep the matter of me a secret! Really, like seriously!"

"I've got it. Don't you worry. Your identity is safe with me."

After saying that, Danilo – dono went out.

"For now, do you want to eat first..."

"Yes."

The meal consists of lots of fancy stuff and quite delicious. There are also lots of it, enough for Sati and me to eat our heart out.

Even though the bath is smaller than our room, it's still feel quite luxurious. The bathtub is also quite big, seeing that it can contain both Sati and me without making us feel cramped.

I soaked myself as always, and let the water warm my body.

It's early in the morning, when the sun is not out yet, that Sergeant – dono comes and take my Sati.

After I saw her off, I continue sleeping. I'm tired from lack of sleep. Besides, I'm in such a nice room right now. It's not long that I get anxious that Sati isn't around and I finally woke up.

I want to follow her. I wonder if I can go out and get away somewhere.

Un, let's go after the treatment even when my magical power has run dry today.

Dawn arrive, I went into the hospital and I can already see the treatment already started. I wonder who got injured last night. I tell Danilo – dono.

"I'll change into the priest cloth and start the treatment."

Right now, I'm wearing my casual wear. Just to be safe, I always bring my sword along. Nobody will think I'm a healing mage just by looking at me.

"No, didn't Masaru – dono been treating until late yesterday. Your magical power has not been recovered fully, yet right?"

I guess my MP still has about half more.

“Besides, Bishop – sama has something to talk with you, so how about we meet him after breakfast.”

Is a bishop superior to the priest? Well that’s the feeling that I’ve got.

“Understood.”

I still haven’t recovered all my magical power too, so it can’t be helped.

“I will guide you to Bishop – sama later, so please relax in the room until then.”

I wonder if I should go looking for Sati. Or maybe I can just go back to the room and read some book.

“I’ll just go back in my room and wait.”

It was when I was reading a book in my room that Danilo – dono came with an elderly person. There is also a food cart brought along with them.

“Masaru – dono, this is the Bishop – sama, Blanco.”

“Nice to meet you, Masaru. I have heard the story. I’m sorry that I didn’t come over and say hello yesterday. I’m already collapsed because I’ve been used too much magical power. You see, I have not much magical power already by this age.”

Yea, I can understand that. Bishop Blanco – sama.

“Nice to meet you too, Bishop – sama.”

“Now, now. Let’s eat our breakfast first. It’s not good to talk with an empty stomach.”

The table is surrounded by three people. The meal that we have is nothing special. Recently, it has always been Sati and me alone. I wonder if Sati is fine...

“So, how it’s going, your journey as a masked priest?”

As expected even this person knows about it.

Somehow this has become too troublesome.

“Well you see. I’m originally a fire attribute mage. Only after that I visited a

nearby shrine to let me learn recovery magic.”

“I see. So, you used to be a fire mage. You’re quite versatile.”

“So to be able to learn and use recovery magic as soon as possible, I gathered people to treat as a practice. Because I have lot of magical power in reserve, I always end up treating all the patients in the clinic.”

“I see, I see.”

“After that, people keep coming and coming. The shrine hall started to get full. I actually hate to stand out...and that’s where the mask and priest cloth some.”

それから治療のときの話も詳しく再現する。尾ひれが“ついたままの話を信じていられるのは嫌だからね。(I have no idea L) “So, it’s not like I’m actually a devoted shrine priest who are in journey to treat people. I’m sorry. I just decided to do those stuffs out of my own convenience.”

“No, no, that’s fine. What you have done has really give our shrine good name. I’m the one that should feel thankful to you.”

“As I said, I did it as part of the training for my healing magic.”

“How about you truly becoming a priest. With my approval, you can become one right away.”

Am I getting scouted again. All these priests sure have the same thought. It’s not like I have faith. Isn’t it better for me to join as Templar Knight.

“Thank you for your offer, but I really think that adventurers suit me more.”

“You can still continue to become an adventurer. For your information, there are lots of our priest who works as an adventurer right now. It’s not like you are bounded to the shrine just because you have become an adventurer.”

Even if I’m allowed to become an adventurer, there is just no advantages. Even now I can simply enter the shrine whenever I want to.

“Do you know the role of this shrine to our Gods?”

“To pray to God?”

“That is just one part of it. Of course, the faith towards our Gods from around

the Razgarde World is important. But one of its main function is to develop and made survival in this world possible.”

Right now, I’m in a place called Razgarde World. I heard about this place for first time when I’m applying for the job.

I thought that this world God used this name to make it easier for me.

In the first place, when I first saw the job, even I think that there is no such thing.

It feels like years since I last went to Hello Work. Actually, not even two months has passed. It can be lonely sometimes when I remembered Japan, and I wondered what will happen from now on.

“When Gods created this world, They ordered us people of the shrine to overseer this world in shadows as They silently watch from above.”

“In shadows?”

“That’s right. We only watch silently in the shadow. We’re not involved in politics or any secular power. We only help in a form of an Order, as Treatment Centre, and as orphanage. Iya, it’s obvious that we’re doing our job like this. We just help a little bit, though. Even in our shrine, we’re serving various Gods. What Masaru – dono doing right now is also one of the Gods wills.”

Is it really Gods wills? I wonder what is Gods thinking by sending me to this world.

Isn’t it more like a test play(テストプレイ) where the scene is destruction of this world and I’m supposed to save it, plus it’s not like I have a choice too. Moreover, I will never answer any such expectation in the first place.

But this shrine is quite different from the one in my world. Is it because here has a real Gods. Back in Japan, a religion is always associated with ceremonial occasions or event like Christmas. It’s not like this shrine is that bad though.

“Plus.”

And the bishop continues.

“There are many shrines scattered throughout this world. I’m sure there are lots of benefit to be associated with our shrine.”

It's the same as what Tessian – san from the Order said.

Un, I have heard about the same thing before. It should be more than last month since I've heard about the same thing.

I already knew about it so it kinda become boring to hear it so many times.

"Iya, I'm sorry for talking about this thing for a long time. Let's continue our conversation next time."

The story about the shrine is interesting, but I had enough of this talk about solicitation...I wonder if this world is in bad state. Or is the demand for healing mage just that high?

"But that Robert. How dare him not telling me about this. I'll have a nice long talk the next time I meet him."

I'm certain that Shinsai – sama back in my town is called Bert – san.

"Do you know Shinsai – sama?"

"The town of Siory has the same parish as here. That Bert guy used to be my subordinate."

So, he is Shinsai – sama boss. Not someone I should anger anytime soon.

"Well, I've been taken care by that Shinsai – sama, plus I'm the one who asked for help, so please don't scold him."

"I see. He's a dutiful guy. I promised I'll not scold him, if that's your wish. I'll not interrogating him either."

"If I'm not mistaken, I heard that some priests will also tag along with the second team. If they didn't come today, then they will come tomorrow."

"Oh. Hey, hey, did you know? When Robert was still here long time ago..."

Just when I was listening to the Bishop – sama interesting story, suddenly the door was opened violently.

"What is it, so noisy."

I wonder what. We all are in the mood to be talking already.

"Bishop – sama! There are massive people injured! We already tried our best,

but us alone are not enough!"

Sati?! My heart is about to pop out. I immediately drink Magi tea and wear the mask and priest cloth which I left on the bed.

"What is the current situation?"

"For now, we still managed to stop the demons at the second wall of the fortress..."

"If necessary call the Templar Knight to help protect the second wall."

"But their force is already..."

There are many healing mage inside the Order of the Shrine, and most of them are versatile unit that can both battle and support. But they are an exclusive force to the shrine so their battle prowess is precious. It's not a good choice to let them participate in the frontline and reduce the shrine battle power.

"There will be neither us nor children if the second wall falls."

"I understand, Bishop – sama."

The messenger priest go out.

"Let's go! I will use Area Heal if there are too many injured people."

Shit. Is Sati okay?

That's right, Sergeant – dono! I'm sure she is always with Sergeant – dono. There's no way anything can happen to her. I won't accept it if it does.

The shrine hall looks exactly like a pandemonium right now.

There are many people crying and injured. They all grab the priests and plead for treatment. To make it worse, right now, there are more injured people coming than leaving.

Oi. That person over there, he looks like he's already... I try to avoid my gaze from him.

"Jingu – dono, what should we do now?"

"Eh? A, aa..."

Danilo – dono shocked me from my daydream. I must start treating now.

Fortunately, Sati is not amongst them. She should be safe. It's okay. Even Sergeant – dono is around to protect her.

I should focus on the disaster in front of me first.

"I'll start preparing for Area Heal. Please gather all the injured nearby me."

"Understood."

I check my MP. I already recovered a lot by sleeping overnight yesterday. If it only once, then there is no trouble to even invoked Area Heal at the same scale like yesterday.

I took the Magi tea out of my Item Box and drink it. Urgh, taste as bad as ever. But, I should not be concerned with the taste right now. I should focus on treating first.

New injured people keep on being brought in.

"We'll begin the treatment soon! Please wait for a while! The treatment will start shortly!"

One of the priest announce so. Danilo – dono comes to me soon after.

"Jingu – dono, we are all set. Please."

Start chanting【Area heal】---

It is somewhat very hard to focus my mind due to the horrible sight in front of me. That's not good. I need to concentrate. More!

Casting complete. Activate!

The hall is wrapped with light for a moment, after that all the noises stopped.

I overused my magical power. I'm now on the floor, nearly fainted.

"Hey, you okay?"

Danilo – dono anxiously supported me. Other priests also start gathering around me.

"Yea, I still have some magical power left. Let's continue with the treatment."

I have about 10% MP left. It's okay if I only normal Heal next.

It's not like I can only use Area Heal. If it's only minor injury, then it can be completely recovered. Even if it's a major injury, then they can be recovered to the point they can move a bit. My normal heal should be as powerful as Mid Heal.

もっとも込める魔力増やせばアにエクストラヒールかけられるだろっけど、満タン状態でもMPがもになかもしれな。(wait, what?) “Please leave the remaining to us and rest.”

“But...”

Many new patient coming in while we're talking.

“Currently, there are only two people who can use Area Heal, Bishop – sama and Jingu – dono. Thanks to Jingu – dono, our works have lessened a lot. Please leave it to us now.”

Certainly, Area Heal is more efficient than casting Heal separately.

“Thank you so much. Danilo – dono.”

The priests each went to give treatment. I guess I'll just heed the advice and stay obediently over here.

Besides, I am concerned about the situation at the wall. I'd like to go check out how Sati is doing.

“I'm returning to my room.”

I went back to my room. There, I changed my priest cloth to adventurer outfit. For now, I only have a little bit of magical power left. I should not waste any time.

Hang on, Sati. I will go now so please wait!

# Chapter 4 ~ Masaru's Battlefield

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I sneaked around the backdoor while activating Stealth so to not be found out. Fortunately, everyone is busy treating the injured, so nobody realised I sneaked out.

The fortress wall is just around the corner after I leave the shrine. I can see injured persons are brought to the shrine from outside of the wall. A soldier who seems to be a gatekeeper saw me approaching, and I called out to him.

“What is the situation right now?”

“It’s a massive offensive, but we managed to somehow push them back. So, the second wall should be alright for now.”

I feel relieved after hearing that.

But where is Sati right now? Shit. I’ve got to find Sergeant dono.

On the way to the 2nd castle wall through the gate, another injured person was carried on the stretcher.

“Be strong. Just hold for it a little more. I will take you to the healer soon!”

I’m passing them when I noticed that the guy is gravely injured.

The wound looks bad, it even bleeds a lot...

“The stretcher over there please wait for a while!”

Then I grasp the shoulder of the person carrying the stretcher.

“What are you doing! Don’t disturb me!”

“I’m a healing mage. I can cure him.”

I was wondering if I should conserve my magical power, but I can’t leave anyone who is likely to die in front of me.

“Okay, I’ll leave him to you. Oi, you will be healed now! Please hold on just a little bit longer!”

I should hurry. Start chanting 【Extra Heal】——Activate!

The wound start closing, and the patient breath started to relaxed.

“Amazing. That massive wound, it’s healed! Hey, you’re saved now!”

“It’s nothing much. More importantly, I’m looking for a person right now. Did you see Vaut dono and a small beast grill?”

“Sorry, I don’t know.”

At that time, I can hear loud *don* sound from the other side. My heart jumped.

“Isn’t that sound came from magic...?”

“I don’t understand. The sound might also come from battle between the monster and the mage.”

Magic? I’ve seen lots of arrow were shoot but there is no magic?! Sati!

“I need to go now. Bye!”

Looking at the 2nd castle wall, there is a place which is partly broken. The wall was in a big inverse-vertical U shape, wide enough for a passage. I heard that the dragon is big, and the size can really fit a dragon. It seems that a wooden bridge has passed over to the collapsed part of the wall and it became an instant passage.

However, there is no way to observe the current situation from under here. Sometimes, arrows fly across the wall. I can also hear the demons war cry from here. I approached the rising staircase, when another injured man was carried off.

This guy, he is burned alive?!さつきの爆発か！ pg. 64

The inside of his body is charred badly and he doesn’t seem to be moving. I checked on his condition and it seems that he is barely alive. His breathing is gradually becoming weaker too...

“Stop, I’m a healing mage!”

Start chanting 【Extra Heal】--

His breathing is getting weaker...just a few sec, please hold it! This is not the time for you to die yet!!

--Activate!

The burn this guy body is slowly easing. He groaned slightly. But, it seems like Extra Heal is not enough to completely heal this level of injury. But this should be enough to extend his life for some more time...

“Great! I thought he is done for...”

“I’m glad that I’m on time. I’m sorry, but it seems that I’ve reached the limit of my magical power. Please make sure to go to the clinic after this.”

I drank the MP potion while reminding them. It was one out of three that I bring along. These potions are expensive too. I have used up most of my MP so it’s not like a sip of it is enough.

It is hard to prepare this kind of high performance stuff. It’s too expensive after all.

“This is enough. Oi, lets hurry.”

“Wait a moment.”

I asked them about Sati and Sergeant – dono.

“I know their whereabouts. I remember because one of them are very good with hers bow. They are at the second wing side, near the collapsed tower.”

Finally, an info!

“Thanks! I’m going now!”

“Oi, be careful! The assault might have stopped, but it might continue!”

That guy warned me while I take off. Staircase found. I run up. It’s unexpectedly wide on top of the castle wall. The passage is so big, enough for five or six people to walk side by side.

I scanned my surrounding. There are numbers of soldier and knight shooting their bows. Sometimes arrows came flying towards us too, but it’s deflected by knight shield. I can also see the harpies trying to fly past the first wall. Well first, I’ll go to the collapsed castle wall at the left.

Not here. I’ll search the other part.

I’m walking slowly after passing the staircase...there! I can see Sergeant – dono besides Sati, and Elizabeth and Turks are there too. I’m glad that everyone

is safe...

Everyone is holding a bow except Elizabeth. She was sitting against the wall and eating a pudding.

What are you doing here amidst the battle...?



When I ask Elizabeth about it, it seems like she and Turks went to meet Sergeant dono and Sati this morning and they joined together.

“Sergeant dono!”

“Oh Masaru. You’re done with the treatment?”

“I’m out of magical power, then I got worried and come here.”

“Masaru sama!”

“Sati, are you hurt anywhere?”

“I’m fine. Sergeant dono is here to protect me. Elizabeth sama is also here.”

Sometimes there are arrows flying over, so I went and sit beside Elizabeth.

“Really, what are you doing here in the battlefield.”

I asked Elizabeth who is enjoying her pudding at the moment.

“It can’t be helped. My magical power has run out. There is nothing that I can do now except sit still and recovered.”

So that’s the case. Me too, when I run out of magical power during treatment, I will sit back and enjoy my Magi tea.

After that, Elizabeth took out a fried chicken and sauces.

Does this girl not feel any tension whatsoever...?

“More importantly, isn’t that Magi tea?”

She’s asking for what I’m drinking. So I gave her.

“Here, take this bottle.”

“Ara. Does it always taste this bad? Well, it still works so it’s fine.”

“How’s Nania san?”

“I left her at our room. Right now, she’s not in any state to fight. She’s still taken aback with what happened with Olba.”

I see. Olba san even want to invite Nania san to his hometown.

In my current state, it’s better for me to recover my magical power first. I don’t want to become a dead weight to the front liner as well. It’s better for me

to hide here because it's safe too. After my magic power is recovered, I can shoot magic as many as I want.

Sati glanced at Elizabeth fried chicken, and give Sergeant dono lunchbox that she had prepared earlier. I received two box from Sati.

"Fumu. This is good. Looks like the enemy has stopped attacking."

"Are there any injured people. I can still use heal several times more."

"Most of the people who are badly injured has been carried to the clinic. People around here should still be fine."

"What actually happened?"

"The monsters were quite calm at first. Suddenly, they make an aerial attack as well from ground. The attack from sky is especially hard to fend off because it was from Wyvern and some other monsters. It really took us hard time to repel it."

So, it was that bad...

"Sergeant dono is amazing! He managed to deal massive blow in the battle just now!"

Sati explained while making an exaggerated hand gestures.

Mu. I also want to see first-hand the real capabilities of Sergeant dono.

"Elizabeth sama magic spell is also amazing!"

"Fufun. It's easy for me to do that thing. If you really want to see my real capabilities, then bring me a dragon!"

You sure don't look like it though, sitting there leisurely while recovering MP.

But I'm still glad. There's Sergeant – dono here to help. Even Elizabeth is here.

"Um, I can still use bow. You know, while I'm recovering my power."

"It's enough for you to heal us. If you as a healing mage got injured, then who is going to treat us then? It's not like I don't understand your feeling, but you belong to the clinic. After you're done here, please go back."

I just want some experience point, but now that Sergeant – dono has said

that, I can only comply. It's enough that I managed to ascertain everyone safety.

When I tried to get back, Sati stopped me.

"Masaru – sama. Please give me some arrows."

"Alright. I can see that your quiver is nearly empty too."

I'll give her all the arrows from my Item Box for now.

"Half of it is enough. Please give the rest to others."

"Okay. See you, Sati. Also, be careful Elizabeth. Sergeant dono and Turks san too."

I'm on my way back to the shrine when I realized that I forgot to check Sati's menu.

Should I go back...?

This is the time for Sati to grows more independent. I went back while thinking that.

There is quite a distance between the 2<sup>nd</sup> wall and the fortress. It's convenient if we can setup a first aid camp near the wall, but there's a risk of being attacked by monsters. Not only that, they actually managed to breakthrough once too...

After wearing my priest cloth and the mask, I went to see the current state inside the shrine. The hall seems to have settled down quite a bit. Then I asked Danilo – dono.

"Is there anything that I can help with?"

"No, Jingu sama work is done. Please leave the rest to us."

I already loss most of my magical power by using Extra Heal earlier, but it's fine since there's nothing in the shrine right now. I'll rest for now, at least until I'm able to use heal again.

I don't feel like going back to my room yet, so I want to observe around here. I went to the corner and activate Stealth.

A soldier that is receiving treatment over there is missing one hand. I wonder whether he was eaten by Wyvern. I wonder if it's possible to cure Olba foot? It

will cost me 20P to learn recovery magic level 5.

Frustrating.

Can I just secretly go to the fortress wall and earn some experience points? This mean that I'm breaking my promise with Sergeant dono...but in this situation, it's okay, right?

I was sent here by god and given abilities. Some of the ability was given to Sati as well.

What if I used this as an excuse? Even in the story of hero, when he receives certain blessings from the goddess, he is not allowed to flee or escape, and he must fight every day until he win.

No I can't do this. As expected, it is bad for me to break my promise.

I respect Sergeant dono from the bottom of my heart, and I trust him. But should I let my feelings interfere with my judgement right now? I don't know. I just know that this world will be destroyed after 20 years.

2 months has passed since I come here. There is no need to rush thing yet.

Fuck. How dare she sent me to this world, that freaking Hitogami...

My mood turns worsen the more I stayed here.

That's right. Why don't I see how Kongo Squad is doing?

I need to tell them that I had met Elizabeth.

I went back to my room. I take off my priest cloth and equipped my sword. I always wear my casual shirt inside so there's no need for me to change. But this is quite irritating. Is there any easier way for me to change my appearance? I'm capable of magic, so maybe I'll try learning transformation magic next.

I went to inform Danilo dono first that I'm going to visit Kongo Squad before I exit the shrine. When I arrived at the Order place, the same person come out and greet me.

"Aa, Masaru sama. Have you found master?"

"Yea, thanks to you. Some of them are injured but overall they are fine."

"I'm glad. If you're free Captain Tessian would like to meet you sometimes."

"I'm helping at the shrines clinic right now. This dormitory is also within the shrine area, so I will come whenever I'm free."

"Then if you come again, please let me know."

I take the alcohol from my Item Box and gave it to the people of the Order. Although they are still under treatment, most of the injuries are already healed, so some alcohol won't hurt.

"Sorry to trouble you. Since the supply has stopped, the price of alcohol has gone sky high. There is no way for us to import it here right now too."

I'm glad that this cheap sake is something new to them.

"That's right. How about we enjoy it together. I'm currently free right now, just staying here. And I've been told to not exercise too."

Should I accept the offer? It's not like I can do anything while I'm waiting for my MP to recover. Besides, I have not been drinking for a while now.

As I entered inside I was introduced to another four guys.

I sit down on the sofa. Everyone offer the prayer to the gods and hit their glasses. I brought out some food from my Item Box. A lunchbox and skewered rabbit meat. I get this from the stall nearby before.

First, I need to be thankful to them for saving me from those harpies. I have never give my thanks properly before.

They said before that it's not unnecessary because they're just doing their job. But I'm sure that they are risking their life too. I still shuddered thinking what will happen if they didn't come in time that day.

"It's God will that Masaru sama was saved that day."

"We only head there because we saw the fire pillar that Masaru sama had released. We could see it clearly even from the town. I'm envious that you're capable of both fire magic and recovery magic. If we can use recovery magic, then there's no need for us to get stuck inside here."

"If that's the case, why don't the knight squad trains their magic more?"

"No, it's better for us to sharpened our swords and bows skills instead."

"If we're training in both arts, then we won't get enough time to sleep."

"Plus, it'll interfere with our normal job..."

While we're having the talk, the topic steered to what happened in Pioneering village. I listened quietly while they're talking about it.

"At first I thought it was just some boring mission. We're just helping with the construction of the fort before we got the warning from the adventurers. Before that, everyone is talking about how easy is this task, and the adventurers are providing us meat everyday too."

"The first message simply stated that a group of monster appeared. They appeared quite far from the fortress and can't be detected by magic yet. Not long after they went to scout Gorbas Fortress. Moreover, they only move in a squad. Although we're thinking to dispatch, we can see that some adventurers have not returned yet so we didn't leave the Pioneering village. So, I sent a messenger to Gorbas Fortress to ask what's going on."

"But we should have gone there at that time. We only get to know it later."

"Nobody knows that the scouting corps are just part of the larger forces."

"Afterwards we receive some reports form the returning adventurers. It's only now that we decided to dispatch because their forces are much larger than expected."

"The raid began while we're are preparing to dispatch. We left the adventurers at the back and start taking the charges head on. At that time, there's no doubt that we can win. There are lots of high level adventurers around, even the army and we are here. It was just a group of Orcs at that time, so it is easy. In fact, the attack at Pioneering village was easily repelled."

"On the way to the fort, we tried to avoid battle as best as we can. Thanks to that, we managed to reduce the number of unnecessary battle. However, we encountered the main forces of the enemy near the fortress."

"It was then when the mess began."

"There are about half of us who managed to take refugee inside the fort after all those battles."

"I'm glad that half of us still survive. We're against two Ground Dragon at that time. If the dragons are serious, we would've been gone. Luckily the dragons are occupied with destroying the first wall and the second wall. I heard about it when I was being carried to the clinic."

"The survivor when back and joined the defence, but many of them lose their life after the intense attack. I saw the dragon attack with my own eyes, and I can say that it's my worst nightmare ever..."

They couldn't stop the dragons rush with their arrow and magic on time, so the first wall is easily gone. They did manage to defeat one of it in between the first wall and the second wall, but the second dragon went ahead and bust the second wall in the meantime.

After that, the monsters took the opportunity to get inside while they are slaying the dragon. Because of that many of the soldiers were forced into a continuous battle and many lives were lost.

Then is it us who arrived after that?

"Was this attacked triggered by the construction of the Pioneering village?"

"There's no attack at this scale within this 10 years. Maybe something is triggering it."

"That's it. We are just unprepared because it has been 10 years before this attack happen."

"So, what should we do about the construction of the Pioneering village now?"

"It should be hard to continue it right now..."

"The situation up there is still bad..."

I began thinking after hearing their story.

A massive invasion from the demon. This seems to have happened every few years since long ago. The demons from the other side used to cross the border and cause havoc. In the past, lots of countries were destroyed by them.

"Only few days more. We should be patient while waiting for the Imperial army to come. They should be gathering strength now at the border."

We have an alliance with the empire. If the situation becomes uncontrollable, the Imperial Army will immediately cross the border and support this fortress.

"We really are in a bad spot right now..."

One of the man in the Order then said, as if he knows it from the bottom of his heart.

"—It's only a matter of time before this fort fall."

The Imperial Knights will always put the kingdom safety as their top priority. As for this place and Siory town, they hold not much value compared to the kingdom.

We talked no more, and drink silently.

# Chapter 5 ~ Sati training plan part 2

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I bid my farewell to the guys at the Kongo squad after Danilo dono prepared lunch in my room.

They really can drink the alcohol without any problem.

"Liquor can help restoring our magical energy, so it's no problem to chug them as long that we don't pass out."

I'm not sure if they're just making excuses. Maybe they want to enjoy drinking more. I don't really understand it, but drinking while relaxing really boosts the MP recovery rate sometimes for me.

Because I had been eating and drinking a lot just now, I thought of declining the lunch. But seeing that those priests has cooked it, I feel bad so I stored all of it in containers and put into my Item Box.

Maybe I'll eat it later with Sati.

I'm not eating lunch so I don't have anything to do right now.

I don't feel like reading books right now too. Because both of my Magical Power Enhancement and MP resilience are level 3, I will need at least 24 hour for full recovery. After all, my recovery rate increase as the skill level increase. And Magi tea can only recover limited amount at one time.

Should I learn Reduce Magic Consumption skill next? No, I should level up my Recovery Magic first. I need to have 20P to upgrade it to level 5.

Right now, the problem is with Sati. I can't reset, not sure what happen.

First, I will raise her swordsmanship level. After raising her physical capabilities, should I raise her agility or dexterity next? Just what kind of super soldier is this...other than evade or psychic, there is still night vision. I also want to increase her Stealth, Endurance, Detection and so on. As for magic...no it's impossible. Even after her level increase so much, her MP didn't increase at all. Are there any ways else than growing by training?

I wonder which one I should raise first. Maybe I should consult her first before deciding. Un, I should do that. If I don't then Sati might be disappointed, and stop talking with me.

Argh, I want to see Sati. But if I simply went back there just to see Sati then I will get scolded by Sergeant dono.

A visitor came just when I want to go out.

It's Captain Tessian from the Kongo squad.

I greet him and give my thanks for saving me and Sati during the Harpies raid. He brushed it off just like how his subordinates did. It's goodwill, just a job, something like that. You can literally see the radiance emitted by these people.

"This is a nice room."

"It's feel wasted to be used by me though."

"There's no need to be humble. This kind of treatment is appropriate for a high ranked magician like you. Just get used to it."

"So, it's something like that."

"By the way."

He looks at the bed and grab something.

"How is the priest cloth? Does wearing it make you feel like joining our shrine?"

"Actually, I wear the priest cloth to make my treatment session less awkward. That's all."

"Hou. Then what about that mask?"

"I want to hide my face because I did not want to stand out much ..."

If it's kaa chan then she will surely yell at me for leaving the clothes around like that...

Sorry kaa chan. I'm not a good son.

"By the way, I heard a story about a masked priest. If I'm not mistaken, he also appeared at Siory town."

“...”

“The priests seem like they are shutting their mouth, but do you know anything about him Masaru dono?”

LMAO Captain Tessian, of course I know about him...

“Um, please keep this silent about this thing.”

I repeat the story that I had told the Bishop this morning.

“I see. No wonder even Bishop sama won’t tell me about this.”

“Yea, but honestly though. I’m just your everyday adventurer.”

“Well it seems that trying to persuade you more is useless. And I think that the job here is worth it, Masaru dono.” *keigo* Somehow this person has suddenly turned polite on me. Please, stop it!

“My main magic attribute is fire though. I refused because you basically ask me to be a full-time healer. Because I can use bow, I usually unleashed the magic for a wide area blow.”

“It can’t be helped you know. Your skill right now is pretty much on par with Bishop sama. That’s why we’re scouting you. If the fortress is really falling, then we will protect you alongside Bishop sama as top priority.”

Whoa, this conversation is turning to the worst possible outcome, didn’t it?

It will be harder for me to collect experience points if I agreed though. So, I notice while I’m thinking.

Maybe they’re desperate because they’re lacking high level Healing mage.

Because a healer is valuable, they are usually protected, thus making it harder to fight in the battle and collect more experience points.

Since I’m unable to level up, my magic power will not rise, and upgrading my recovery magic is not possible too. Even if I somehow managed to level up my magic, my magical power output will still be way too less and it’s possible to faint like Bishop sama last time.

It’s said that earning experience point as Healing mage is hard. If you’re not participating in the battle, then you will get no more than zero experience. If

you are participating, then you need to at least land a killing blow for hefty experience points. I know if first hand when I was fighting the dragon, before I get Sati. If I were to be a full Healing mage, it will make it harder to land a blow.

But why are they doing this. Is it because they want a mage that can go full defensive and full offensive in one time? To be able to use healing magic, one need to train to the fullest. That's why people don't usually put healing mage in danger.

However, if the young mage didn't get experience point, then it will be impossible to level up.

"Is it rare for a Healing mage to fight in front line?"

"Of course. In our shrine, we teach all the priest basic hand to hand combat for self-defence and for battle. But if we want to make an effective attack, it's easier to train 10 vanguard rather than letting the healer learn an offensive magic. Then they can use all their magic power to heal the vanguard. pg. 81

I see. No wonder he wants to recruits more capable people like me or Sati.

But right now, he only sees my recovery magic at level 4. What will he if he saw me unleashed a level 5 recovery magic, I wonder.

"Anyway, please keep the thing about me confidential."

"How surprising. Adventurers usually loves to be in the spotlight."

"Not really, a little bit of money is enough. Also, a family a house."

If it's only Sati and Angela, then the current house is big enough.

"Even Masaru dono ideals is more towards that of a priest rather than an adventurer. Won't it better if you're staying at the shrine like this."

Damn this guy will take anything I said as signs of shrine positive. I better keep my distance with him next time.

"I think I will remain as an adventurer for the time being, I like being free."

After that Captain Tessian took off, and I decided to take a nap. Last night I don't get much sleep and today I wake up earlier than normal too. Not only that, I keep casting a high ranked magic so now I'm dead tired.

I was woken up by Danilo dono.

‘I’m thinking of preparing dinner soon. Is there anything that you would like?’

“Um, I’m going to cook myself today. I always depend on you, it’s somewhat embarrassing.”

It’s not like I have anything better to do right now.

“No won’t do! I have been instructed by Bishop sama to take care of you. Besides, Masaru dono is the best healing mage here. Because of you we have less burden to take.”

I can’t huh. I thought it’ll be easier for me and Sati to do it.

“One of my companion is still at the wall defending. Is it possible for you to come back later?”

I wonder if they are all right, Sati and Elizabeth.....

Danilo dono informed me that some injured people were sent just now.

“Bishop sama said he would like to join dinner with you later.”

“Well, I would like to have dinner alone with Sati today. Is it okay he come during breakfast?”

“Understood. I will inform him.”

After a while Sati come back to the room. Even Elizabeth is with her. Sergeant dono and Turks san sent them both here and went to guild later.

“Ara. Such a small room. Both you and Sati stay here? Can I stay here too?”

It seems that she wants to leave Nania san alone with Olba san. I’m also rooting for them, that’s why I allowed Elizabeth to stay here.

“I don’t mind. We have extra bed here too.”

“Then I’ll went back to my room first to inform them that I’m staying here.”

She said so and went out.

I also went out and talk with Danilo dono.

“So, she is your master. Yea no doubt. Would you like for me to prepare another room?”

"No thanks, we all are staying here. My teacher already has her own room, but since this is the first time we meet after long time, I want to have a nice talk with her."

"I see. Then I will prepare an extra mattress."

"Thank you. I'm sorry, but could you please prepare meals for three people."

"Okay I got it. We have all the meat here, even the rotten one!" pg. 84

Ah, that's right. A rotting meat is also a thing over here. But is it that kind of meat dish?

I didn't see any remaining of the dragon when I went to the wall earlier. Well it was said that the body was already collected.

Maybe they keep it frozen right now, and sell it to Commercial Guild later. The income can be used to repair the fort too. It's not easy to repair the wall once it falls.

After a while they sent the meal and extra mattress.

We wait for Elizabeth while the dish is prepared.

I still can wait but Sati seems impatient. It's okay for me because my stomach is still full, but she is really starved after all the battle just now. She will not touch the food unless after I said "Itadakimasu". She really is a good girl.

I was wondering which one I should eat first when Elizabeth come back.

"It's meat again....."

Of course, there are some bread and soup as side dishes, but other than that it's all meat. As for vegetable, there are none. Ever since I come here, they only served meat dishes. Maybe because there are many defeated monsters around.

But you, didn't you just eat fried chicken for lunch?

"Fried chicken is different!"

Is that so.

"So, how's Nania san doing now?"

I asked her while we're eating.

"Well since Masaru healed Olba's wound, he has cheered up and they are hitting it right now. But he still hasn't proposed to her..."

If he proposes, then Nania san will surely give him "yes".

"Why? Aren't they in love?"

"It's because of me. Stupid. She is still worried about me more, rather than him. Why must she stick to our old promises so much..."

I thought she will continue talking about their past promise, but she just went silent.

"We should stop talking about this thing. Let's continue eating. Olba's doing his best comforting her, I'm sure it'll turn okay soon. Besides that, Sati. Please scrub my back later in bath."

"Yes, Elizabeth sama."

"There is no bathroom back in the guild dormitory! Because of that, I need to be content with wiping my back alone. It's totally unpleasant! The public bathhouse was closed too because the owner has already escaped."

She's not using magic to cleanse her body because she wants to conserve her magical power. I know that you're struggling inside. I will put some extra.

After the meal, I'm preparing the bath.

I always do it myself, without helps from Danilo dono.

To save my magic power, I draw the bathing water from the well.

I put it into a container and carried it in my Item Box. Then I poured it inside the bathtub and heat it with fire magic. I'm taking my sweet time by pouring the magic power little by little. My magic power should recover to normal by tomorrow morning.

"Elizabeth, the bath is ready!"

No reply.

I want to return to bed and sleep. It can't be helped. I'm deprived of magical power right now.

"Oi Elizabeth, are you not taking the bath?"

I better find and ask her.

"Un...I'm entering...Help me Sati..."

Hearing the reply, I stood up to went out. She is there taking off her black robe and start stripping...

"Sati, faster bring Elizabeth outta here!"

"Yes, Masaru sama!"

I really want to watch the whole thing, but I'm afraid of what'll happen later.

Elizabeth punch might be gentle, but I can still remember the might of her air hammer.

After 5 minutes, Elizabeth come back inside the room.

Naked.

"Not yet, Elizabeth sama!"



Elizabeth stepped inside the room naked, followed by naked Sati. She then walked toward the futon and dive in. Are you that sleepy?!

I look away and faced Sati.

"Did you bath properly?"

"Yes. But she went out right after I finished scrubbing her. Luckily, I managed to wipe her dry first. She did tell me how sleepy she is..."

"Get Elizabeth out of the futon and put her some sleepwear."

"Yes, Masaru sama."

It's not like I can stay and watch, so I go to take bath instead. Sati's and Elizabeth's clothes are scattered around in the changing room. Sati is not usually like this. Maybe she is too preoccupied by Elizabeth.

As expected she has not much chest.

Still bigger than Sati though.

I could not see much after this. . . it's a bit disappointing. I already got a kiss from her, wonder if she will give me a chance.

I was soaking in the hot warm bathtub when Sati comes in.

"Good work, Sati."

"Thank you."

She washes my back as usual. We managed to do it a lot yesterday, but we're having Elizabeth today. Elizabeth should be sound asleep by now, but I'm afraid the wall is not that thick.

I hug Sati and get ourselves soaked again in the bathtub. Then Sati said something.

"Um, compared than yesterday, I can feel that my strength is increasing..."

Sure it is.

I raised her physical strength to 3. Of course she will notice it.

But how do human usually human do it? This is like those secret evil association in story, strengthening and making people fighting without their

consent. Usually, it was said that to strengthen oneself, basically one need to keep on fighting.

“Sati is not afraid of me? You know, me curing your eyes and making you good using a bow and all.”

“I’m not afraid at all!”

“I’m glad. I’m a bit worried. Because you are so good with bow, you are taken by Sergeant dono to participate in the frontline.”

“I’m afraid to fight, but not much anymore. I know that that Sergeant dono and Elizabeth sama will always watch by my side. It was much harder when I was told that it was not useful as it used to be before. Many people are complimenting me now, and it’s all thanks to Masaru sama.”

“Is that so? Then lets us works harder so more people will praise you.”

“Yes.”

I open the menu.

There is no increase in loyalty. The number hardly increase after 80, but it still increases slowly by time. It’ll not be long before it reaches 100.

Sati managed to level up by 3. Okay now what should I do?

Sati level 17

Skill 16P

Cooking level 2	Household level 2	Sewing level 2
Covert level 3	Stealthy Steps level 2	Sound Detection level 4
Smell Detection level 2	Sturdy	Hawk Eyes
Physical Reinforcement level 3	Evasion level 3	Shield level 2
Swordsmanship level 4	Archery level 5	

“Sati, let’s say if you can get stronger, what would you like to strengthen first?”

"Um, I would like to be able to use magic like Masaru sama and Elizabeth sama."

Sorry. That is impossible, your magical power is just too low...

"Any others? Increasing your swordsmanship abilities or maybe to see better at night. After that I can increase yours evade ability and agility. Or, do you want to improve your ears or nose better?"

Sati thought for a while, then she said she wants to be like Sergeant dono.

Sergeant dono is a man who emphasis speed in his swordsmanship, unlike Lazard san. So, it's level 5 on swordsmanship right, not dexterity? Since Sati is lightweight and all, maybe it's right choice to raise her speed so she can avoid attacks better.

"Then let's increase your Swordsmanship level. In higher level, you can use Mind Eyes."

Maybe I should improve her evade ability first before agility. She is dealing with lots of arrows after all.

"Okay. But is it that easily done?"

"Sati already defeats lots of foes, right? Usually your strength will increase per how many foes you already take down."

Do the concept of experiences points applied on this world? Next time when I'm free then maybe I'll explain then. A simple explanation is enough for now.

"Then I'll defeat a whole lot tomorrow!"

"Un. But don't endanger yourself kay."

"Yes."

I used 10P for swordsmanship level 5, and 5P for Mind Eyes skill.

Sati level 17 Skill 1P

Cooking level 2	Household level 2	Sewing level 2
Covert level 3	Stealthy Steps level 2	Sound Detection level 4
Smell Detection level 2	Sturdy	Hawk Eyes

Physical Reinforcement Evasion level 3  
level 3

Swordsmanship level 5 Archery level 5

Shield level 2

Mind Eye

The swordsmanship has reached the limit, becoming the highest level possible for human. Now that I have increased her level this much, is it possible that she is stronger than Sergeant dono right? But if it's for me, I'll never fight as a vanguard. After all it's better for me to stay behind and shoot my magic.

"Alright. I already raised it. I already improved your Swordsmanship and evasion technique."

".....I don't understand."

Sati said while making cute gesture (subject to change).

"It's not like you can straightway used it. Just like your eyes, you need to practice it first, right?"

Usually for magic skill, we can feel the knowledge surged throughout our body. But it's not the same case for swordsmanship.

"That's true."

"Like I have told before, please keep all this a secret. If this goes out, then someone from the shrine might arrest me."

"Yes. I'll absolutely keep it a secret."

"It's getting hot inside here, should we get out?"

"Yes. Um, Masaru sama. Thank you very much. I will do my best even more in the future."

"Un, I'm counting on you, Sati."

"Yes!"

Good. This kid is reliable. I'm glad that Sati is very brave right now. If it's me, I can never do things like this.

After I got out of the bath, I got to sleep after asking Satie a little about today.

Sati will join the frontline tomorrow too. Knowing that both Sergeant dono

and Elizabeth are with her, I should not be worried, right?

# Chapter 6 ~ Taboo Spell

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The next day, early in the morning, I brought Sati to Sergeant dono.

I'm thinking what they're preparing for breakfast, when I realized that it's always the guild that had prepared it previously. Of course, all of it are meat dish.

Elizabeth got up with Sati, then she went out. Turned out that she joined Sati and Sergeant dono after she checked on Nania san first.

I went to the clinic and it's crowded with people like usual. Then I asked the priest if they need any help.

"Thanks to you guys giving me one day off yesterday, my magical power is fully recovered."

I'm not wearing my mask and priest cloth right now, but since I'm just doing normal heal then it should be okay. There are few people injured because yesterday the enemies make a sporadic attack. I wish this pattern will continue.

It was after I treated some of the patients that Danilo dono come and said that the breakfast is ready.

"Area Heal consume twice the amount of magical power compared to normal heal. Because I'm just treating normal injuries, my magical power is hardly used."

In fact, I had only used one third of my magical power reserve.

"As expected of Masaru dono. The person working in the next shift will have it easy like this."

"Let's go for breakfast after I'm done."

"Well, that's fine too."

Again, I'm eating breakfast with two old man.

But Bishop sama sure has some interesting stories with him. He is telling me past stories about this shrine, so I'm not so bored. After finished eating I ask

him something that I'm intrigued with.

"You know, there is an ultimate Recovery Magic, once recorded in this shrine. Since we don't know its exact name, we call it Miracle light. It takes several people to activate it. It really is a miracle, knowing that the magic not only heals all the surrounding people, but also recovers their magical power."

All Heal magic that can also recover magical power? Sounds so useful.

"Um, can that magic also cure a person that has lost his leg?"

Bishop sama suddenly have a stiff expression.

"No, it can't. You can't never do that, Masaru dono. It is a taboo."

Taboo? Is it that bad to recover your feet?

"Please listen carefully, you too Danilo. And don't ever bring up this topic again after this. Got it, Masaru sama?"

"Yes."

So, it's a taboo spell. Somehow, this has turned weird.

"For someone to heal a lost limb, or any other diseases that can't be cured by standard recovery magic, a compensation is required."

"A price, huh."

"Long time ago, there used to live an excellent priest. He has always been in sorrow, thinking that he is unable to return the lost limb of his patient. Not long after, he created a new recovery magic."

"Then it was banned?"

"That's right. That priest never knew, that his magic will require a large compensation. When he initiated it, the spell consumed almost all his life. After a month, he died. Since the spell has been banned, nobody is talking about it anymore."

So, I can heal Olba san leg, with the price of my life.

"Don't do it, Masaru sama. I beg you, please don't ever attempt it. I don't want this tragedy to be repeated. This is a thing that can't be normally done, one would call it impossible. But a great magician like Masaru dono might have

rediscovered it. That's why I'm telling you properly now. That spell is a curse. It is not a spell befitting of us, practitioner of Shrine of Gods. So please don't even think of it."

"Alright I'll stop thinking about it.

I understand why it is classified as a taboo spell now. It's not worth it, paying for my life. It might have great result but the price is massive. Too much for me to handle.

Though, can Nania san bear it, hearing that it is possible to cure Olba san leg but it can't be done. She might even offer her life. One person must die. One can only live for that much after initiated this spell.

Should I tell Elizabeth about this?

Is there any other way than this? Spell that great enough to cure Olba san leg?

There's no doubt that they will demand it. And I will use it without fail. Yea, I'll use it. I'll use it, even if it is banned...

"Alright, I'll never ask about it."

"I'm relieved. Masaru sama is reasonable. We, human, have a limit of what we can do, unlike Gods. We should never cross those lines. If you lose your life because of a temporary sentiment, then how about all the lives that you can save in the future."

"Understood."

Even if you said so, my heart is still not convinced. Whatever, I should finish my breakfast first.

Still, how can I ignore Olba san condition when I know that I can heal it?

No, even I'm not that familiar with that spell.

But should I stop from trying it?

It is a taboo spell. Even Bishop sama has made it clear.

But aren't I'm Japanese? I can easily ignore those rules.

But again, am I willing to sacrifice my life?

I already seen how hard Nania san cried right? I should be able to spare a bit of my life.

But, but, but...

"Don't worry too much. Okay? Let's forget about this. There is no need to think about this anymore. This is how everyone think about it in this shrine. This is a secret that everyone must protect. Masaru sama is no exception."

"Yes, Bishop sama."

"You need to abide by this rule, even if the patient is one of your family. Let say if a story were to spread, what do you think will happen? People will keep coming on you, and your life will diminish faster than ever. And this will not impact Masaru dono alone."

"Yes, Bishop sama."

How truly a fussy world indeed.

After we done eating, I grab my mask and start readying for the treatment session.

I'll feel distracted if I don't work like this. I start treating people with Danilo dono. My magical power didn't decrease in the slightest.

Maybe I can temporarily escape and gain some experience point like this. But my thought was halted, seeing that a lot of people were carried in suddenly.

Is another wave happening right now?

I hope that Sati and Elizabeth are okay. I quickly gather they all in one area and apply Area Heal.

Because I'm using lots of Area Heal, the injured patients are getting lesser. The treatment is finishing faster than I thought.

This time the wave is weaker than the previous one. Maybe the monsters are exhausted?

However, this is far from the end. People will continue fighting again after they rest.

If they continue attacking like this, then it's still tolerable.

But what about the next wave? And next after that?

The Kingdom troops will arrive only after four days later. I wonder if we can hold out until that long.

The second reinforcement from Siory town arrive around noon.

But even when they managed to gather some from surrounding neighbour, it's still not that much. Apparently, the monsters are becoming active at the other side too. That's why they can't send out much people.

Angela come greet me after I'm done treating them all with Area Heal.

Bishop sama replace me after my shift, and Angela comes meet me because there's not much to do at the hall.

"Wow you got a nice room."

"Well, that's...."

I tell her about how I continue using the Masked Priest identity here, just like back at Siory town. By the way, I told her that Elizabeth is safe.

"I'm sorry. I really should stop the rumour back then. I never thought it will spread this far."

"No, I don't mind. These guys over here promised me to keep it a secret."

But somehow, I don't feel like I care much about it anymore.

"Hey you okay? Your face looks pale."

I think even Angela don't know about it, the taboo spell. It seems to be a top secret within the shrine.

"No matter how much I healed these peoples, they keep on coming back. That's why I'm depressed."

After hearing that, Angela hugged me tightly.

As expected, it feels nice to get hugged by Angela. I like the feeling of being wrapped by her chest. It feels like all the trouble just now was a lie, that's how calm I'm like now.

"Everyone is thinking like that right now, you know. That's why, Masaru need

to become more and more stronger.”

“Yea. Thank you, Angela, I’m fine now. I’m just lonely, doing treatment without you guys around me.”

Back when I’m still a shut-in in Japan, I never have any worries. I’m immersed with my online world all days and nights.

“That’s right. Where are you staying right now?”

“I don’t have anywhere yet.”

“Why don’t you stay here. This room is large, so we can still some mattress. Even Elizabeth is staying here.”

“Even her huh...”

“You see, it’s for Olba san and Nania san. She just doesn’t want to disturb them. Besides, there is a bath here.”

“It’s nice to have a bath. I didn’t manage to cleanse myself on the way here, so I smell.”

“Really? You smell really good right now thought.”

I get close to Angela and start sniffing her.

Sure, she smells a bit sweaty, but it’s not bad.

And then my head was hit.

“Please let me use the bath. You can keep the water for later. I’m just wiping my body.”

It was after Angela is done that Elizabeth come back.

“Elizabeth!”

Angela went and hugged Elizabeth.

“Oi, wha, what are you doing!”

“I’m really worried about you.”

“Oh, I see...”

“I already heard from Masaru, but I’m really glad now that I’ve confirmed it

myself."

Then she released Elizabeth.

"Naturally! There's no way I'll be defeated by a bunch of measly Orcs!"

She continued.

"Besides, if I really died, then all the items in my Item Box will be thrown out. Even my pudding and fried chicken. No, no, that's way too embarrassing."

"Ahahahaha ... That's definitely an unpleasant way to die, isn't it?"

Yea I think that is terrible too.

Imagine that bunches of fried chicken and pudding suddenly appear when she's dead. Too surreal.

"Well, I'll never let anyone die, not in my watch." [Masaru]

"True. Elizabeth really looks energetic now."

"Saying it like that is a little gross, you know."

"I'm just praising you."

"Really? Whatever."

"So, why are you coming back early today?" [Masaru]

"Well, I have depleted my magical power, so I want to rest. Since Nania is not at our room today, I come here."

"Wow, she is feeling better already now?"

"Olba already did his best yesterday, so."

"Are there any progress in their relationship?"

"Well that thing need to wait. Even our Dawn's disbanding topic. We decided to discuss about it again once all this is over."

"Isn't Olba san injured? Why is he not evacuating yet?"

"He is still fighting. Right now, Leuven and two others has made him a prosthetic limb from tree." pg.103

"Wait a minute. Aren't it dangerous for them to fight? They are still injured."

From there Elizabeth and the two of us talk about the situation in the last few days.

“.....It’s more dangerous than I expected.”

Danilo dono came and I asked him to prepare lunch for three people.

I introduced him to Angela, saying that she is the one who taught me. He looks quite impressed. He must think that Angela is greater than me, because she is my teacher.

After that we three eat our lunch. Angela is happy that our meal consists of luxurious meat, little that she knows this will be the meal every time from now on. Well not like I mind it thought.

I left Elizabeth alone in our room while both of us make our usual round.

Right now, I’m having it easy. Bishop sama already cured all the patient with Area Heal. But he collapsed afterward.

Is it okay? Won’t your lifespan reduced a lot if you always push yourself?

Besides, there are lesser injured people today, compared to yesterday. Following last two days’ pattern, the attack will stop once it is dark. I hope it will continue like that.

It is way past afternoon now. Both of us have nearly depleted our magical power right now. Pg.104

Because of that, both of us decided to return to our room. Elizabeth is still sound asleep in the room, so I asked Angela about her journey here.

Last time, it only took us around 1 days to arrive here. But it’s different this time, I heard that not all of them are with carriages. Some of them comes by foot.

It seems that they were attacked by monsters halfway here. Maybe those monsters come from the larger force here near the fortress.

There are some injured people among the adventurers, but Angela already took care of it. That’s why her magical power is depleted.

Yea, I understand your feeling. And I’m glad you’re okay too.

"Area Heal, huh. Since when your Recovery Magic is this advanced? This is very impressive."

So, what is the secret behind my fast improvement rate? Of course, it's because I'm using my skill point. But there's no need for me to explain that.

"Maybe, it's thanks to all the battle that I've been through."

"You mean battle experience?"

"Yea, by fighting, we accumulated experience and this accelerate the growth of our magic. My hypothesis is that most healing mage didn't improve because they lack real battle experience."

"Certainly, Bishop sama is just a normal priest when he is in active duty. Only after he retired that he managed to use advanced healing."

But, Angela continued.

"Even if what you said is true, every healing mage is precious. There's no way any we can allow any of them to become an adventurer."

Adventurer has the highest mortality rate amongst other. Even if my hypothesis is correct, I don't know how much healing mage will die attempting it. It's not like I can check their status screen either.

"Don't you want to become an adventurer, Angela?"

"I don't know. But from what I heard from you, it certainly sound interesting."

"But it's dangerous."

Was my story that interesting? So far, I only tell her about how I'm hunting Wild Rabbit. Other than that...I do talk about the dragon last time.

"Isn't it dangerous to stay here too? Besides, I believe that you will worked something out, in case something happens."

"Then what will you do if you managed to gain experience? Improve your current magic? Or try to learn something new?"

"Well, I definitely want to be able to use more powerful recovery magic. Not only that, I want to have a very large magical power reserve too."

I open Angela menu.

Right now, Angela is level 4. Around 20P is left for her skill points.

Angela level 4 Skill 20P

Cooking Level 3	Housework Level 2	Cudgel Martial Art level 1
Magical Sensing Level 1	Recovery Magic Level 3	Water Magic Level 2

So, it's 4P to level up Recovery Magic. Others will be Magic Power Up or MP Regeneration skills, which is good for total MP over usage ratio?

Increasing the MP Reduction to level 4 will cost around 14P, so only 2P is left. If she learned both the Magical Power Up and MP Regeneration, then it'll be a waste I think, considering the negligible performance boost. Then I wondered and asked. Pg. 106

"You can use purification magic, right? What about Levitate, Fire or Lightning?"

"Only Purification and Fire magic. I can't use others than that. It's not like I'll need them."

Hmm. I wonder which is the best skill set would be. If you think about it, housekeeping and swordsmanship are both categorized as physical. Why must this system be so lousy? I should write this in my diary.

"Is there anything wrong?"

"Yea. If you know Levitate, then it'll be useful in case of emergency."

"But I don't have much spare MP to practice it well. Usually I create ice using my extra magical power. Right now, there are two children that are capable to use recovery magic. The orphanage will do well while both are still here."

It's useless to raise her recovery magic level. With the amount of magical power she has right now, she will definitely collapse once she attempted to do Area Heal. Plus, she will automatically learn about the spell once her level is increased, with no way to hide it.

I wonder if I can reduce her MP consumption? No, I shouldn't. She will get suspicious once she realized that she can spend double her normal capacity. Then she will get suspicious with me.

Well, not like there's a way to find out.

Last time I already think about this. A way to gain point easily. Does such method exist?

But then I think again. If I used that method, maybe some trick, or any other suspicious method, won't it bring me negative impacts?

"That reminds me. Aren't Sati too good with her bows? When you bought her, she has bad eyesight, right? I don't think she ever fought monster before either."

"It's because she is a beast man. The instructors even praised her to be a rare genius that can only be found once every one hundred years."

"Really..."

Angela seems suspicious alright.

What's with the question just now.

From now on I should be more careful...

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We had supper together once Sati comes back.

It seems that there is no more massive attack other than the one in the morning just now. Her level went up by two and now it's 19. I'll relocate the point later. Pg.108

"You already have this sad face for a long time now."

Elizabeth continues.

"Won't it be perfect if Tilika chan is here as well, Sati?"

"But it's dangerous over here."

Right now, this area is particularly dangerous.

There are monster flying over the sky that will occasionally attack the town. However, since only the soldiers and adventurers are left, the attack can be easily repelled.

After dinner, we all take a bath with the order of Angela, Elizabeth and me. It was when I'm in the bathtub with Sati that I heard Elizabeth fussing outside. It's not possible for me to hear it, and I'm wondering if Sati can.

"What's that just now?"

"Um...it makes me angry, how Angela is with Masaru, something like that..."

How can women from this world become so blunt? Is it a culture over here?

Seems like Sati is already used to her.

"Did she say anything else?"

"That's the only thing that I heard."

So, Elizabeth is angry?

So, the one who steal my first kiss are now angry with her rival, really now...

I better stay in the bath longer today.

I'm enjoying getting soaked in the warm water when the door slowly opened.

"Masaru. There's something that I would like to talk to you about. Please get out here faster."

"You, are you angry?"

"Not really. It's not like I'm mad at something."

That's a lie. Your smile is telling me all.

"Anyway, just get out already, faster."

Then she closed the door and went back to the room.

"My body is getting sluggish. Maybe I really should get out now..."

I don't know if I can escape from her.

So, I put my clothes on, then I tried to tip toe my way out. Unfortunately, halfway through I was caught by Elizabeth. She said that it's pointless to ran away and ask me to kneel in front of her. Somehow, she has an unsure face, unbefitting her action right now. But it did not take long for her to regain her composure back and continue.

Sati and Angela are looking at us from a distance. Seems like I can't request for their help right now.

"After a discussion with Angela just now, it's decided that I'm going to marry you as the legal wife."

"????"

Isn't this too sudden?!

"It's just a matter of time anyways. This is a rare opportunity for you to get married with a noblewoman. Besides, after having a way with both Sati and Anne, you plan to back out now?"

She must be closer with Angela now, to be calling her just Anne. I wonder if Angela called her by just Eri now.

"What makes you think that I won't take any responsibilities?"

"...Then it's okay. So? You love me right, Masaru?"

"Yes."

"Who do you love more, Anne or Sati?"

"I love both, equal."

"Oh well. Your answer is acceptable for now."

Oh! Finally, a third member in my harem!

But what about the wedding? Are you not doing it? Can I marry them all in the first place though...?

Then Elizabeth is my spouse. My own wife!

"Wait, why are you making that happy (disgusting) face now!"

"Because, Elizabeth going to become my spouse, right? That really makes me happy!"

"Your s, spouse, huh...sure, but..."

When Elizabeth heard about the spouse thing, she starts acting embarrassed and her face turned red.

"Anyways! Our party, Dawn, is getting disbanded for sure. But Nania still can't accept that. Because of that, I'm going to enter Masaru party so that she will be relieved."

"Eh? So this is just your strategy? You're lying about us getting married?"

"It, It's not a lie. If Masaru is okay with me then it's fine..."

"Sure! It's good! I'm fine with you, Elizabeth!" pg. 111

"That...I'm not stylish like Anne, I'm not sweet and demure like Sati either. You fine with that?"

"Yea. You're cute enough Elizabeth. I hope you will marry me, Elizabeth."

"If you insist, then I'll be honoured to marry you."

"Hey, tell me. What is the thing that you like about me, Elizabeth?"

"Well, there are a lot of things that you can't do. But still, you have good grasp with magic. Your face is not half bad either, and you can cook lots of delicious foods too."

This girl, did she fall to me for real, or did she just want my fried chicken.

“Is that all?”

“You looked really cool though, that time when you killed the dragon. It really was a good decision to reduce the blast by hiding in the water. There’s still another. Like the Lightning from before ...”

Is that so. She never mentions again about the incident during the Dragon extermination back then. I thought she is still angry. I don’t know that she would like me because of it though. Don’t worry Elizabeth, even I think you’re cool.

Right now, we’re staring at each other, red faced.

“Alright, time’s up.”

Angela said, shocking me.

I’ve forgotten that Sati and Angela are still around. Don’t tell me...that they saw it all just now...

Shameful! This is too embarrassing!

“Y, you guys! Forget whatever you saw just now!!”

“No, no. There’s no way I’ll ever forget it. Such a moving scene. As expected from the legal wife. I don’t think that I will be able to pull it off in my lifetime. Don’t you think so, Sati?”

“Yes, it was wonderful!”

Angela smiles and Sati looks at us with glittering eyes. These guys sure are having fun watching us huh...oh, Elizabeth, please don’t cry now.

“I’m sorry. Hey. Don’t cry, this is a happy scene right now. You managed to become a legal wife, right?”

“Yea, you’re right. You guys need to respect me more because I’m the legal wife.”

“Yes, yes. Eri is the greatest. That’s why you’re the no. 1.”

“Ah, but is Angela okay with this. Becoming a second wife? Or maybe a mistress? I don’t know how to call it...”

"I'm satisfied enough to become a second wife. It's not that big of a deal, even becoming a concubine is good enough. Compared to you, I'm just a daughter of a farmer and an orphan, and Sati is a slave. Of course, you with the highest social standing should become the leader of us."

"Of course, we're all equal in this relationship."

"Even though I'm above of both Anne and Sati, I'll never bully them. I already decided that since last time."

"Oh yeah. There's no need for you to be considerate of us, Sati. I hope that we can share good friendship between three of us."

As for me, I can't be divided into three though.

"But..."

"Sati is also important to me. If you're not comfortable being a slave then should I released you, after we went back to Siory town?"

"That doesn't sound bad at all. Why don't we hold a wedding for all four of us?"

"That's right. A good and large wedding for us!"

"That would be hard. I don't have much money. I heard that Elizabeth has been sending money back to her house too."

There's no way for me to gather lots of people and make it a grand wedding!

"That's right. We shouldn't be too wasteful..."

"We can hold it in the shrine. It's big enough, and the rent is cheap too. Plus, we can ask the children from the orphanage for help. The matchmaker and all the priests will be there too."

"Cool. Let's do that."

Somehow, I've been cast aside from their discussion...what about Sati?

This is a serious matter regarding our future, I should have discussed it with her properly.

"Do you want to join the wedding too, Sati?"

"Yes, I would like to. But is it okay...I'm just your slave..."

"Then will you leave me if I released you?"

"I won't go! I'll never leave you!"

"I'm sorry for being mean with the question just now. Of course, you will never leave me, Sati."

"That's right. Even if you're no longer my slave, you will still be by my side."

"Of course!"

"Then Sati, will you marry me?"

Ah, tears.

She is crying.

"I, I will, be together with Masaru sama, together forever...that's more than enough...plus...the marriage. I will never be happier than this..." pg. 114

I calm her down by rubbing her back. Well, it's all good as long that Sati is happy as well.

"Okay. Let's be together forever."

"Guys, please be sure to treat Sati as one of us."

"Well that's fine. Masaru sure is bad for making us cry."

It, it's not my fault. I did nothing.

That night Elizabeth join us in the bed. All four of us together. I thought that only Elizabeth can share my bed.

"Why are you moving to the bathroom? Should I arrange room for both of us alone?"

"I'm not doing anything! It can't be helped, the bed is too small! That's why I'm moving!"

I thought that something was gonna happen, but there's nothing. Somehow this is anticlimactic. Pg. 115

But I'm sure that she will turn cute once she open up a bit. There's no way I'll messed up our first time. Just thinking about it makes me shudder.

Next to me, there are Angela and Sati sleeping, giving me some extra space. It seems that they are in that arrangement in purpose for Elizabeth.

“You’re asleep?”

I asked her.

I’m gazing at Elizabeth, and our eyes meet.

Elizabeth has a very nice face contour. As expected of a noblewoman, she really looks elegant.

When I closed my body towards Elizabeth direction, her face comes close to mine. I noticed that her hands were placed on my chest, and I gently hold it.

“W-what...”

“Nothing.”

She doesn’t shake off my hand, and held it tighter.

Eh? Why is her breathing turns rougher? Her eyes are moist too. This is just like that day with the thunderstorm.

I bring her face closer, and gave her a light and quick kiss.

“G-geez. That’s too quick.”

She gave me the permission, albeit with a harsh voice. Seems that I can continue!

Then I kissed her again, strongly against her lips. Then we parted. Then I continued, this time I inserted my tongue...

However, I don’t receive much feedback this time. Is she already asleep, or...?

Although I love to take naps any time of the day, there’s no way I’ll fall asleep while kissing. It should be the same for everyone, right?

I wonder if something happened, so I opened my eyes.

I saw that she is already drooling in front of me. Then I checked her breathing; she truly had fallen asleep now. It’s fine, I guess. I go to sleep while holding her warm hand.

Somebody shake my body and wake me up.

At the same time, I can hear a loud bell sound, ringing many times.

“Masaru sama, please get up Masaru sama!”

“Masaru, Elizabeth! Wake up, the enemy forces are attacking!”

Enemy attack!? I get up frantically.

“Oi, Elizabeth! The enemy is already here, wake up!”

This bell, it's the same like that time during Harpies attack. They are ringing the bell many times, notifying that there're enemies attack.

“Turn on the light.”

It's hard to equip my armour in this darkness. But I was stopped by Angela the moment I want to switch the light.

“Don't. We might be targeted by the enemies if we opened the light.”

This room has a glass window. Even if the window is closed with a curtain, there's a possibility that the light can get out. No choice then, I activate my night vision. Then I saw Angela light up the candle and put it under the table. I see, with this, the amount of light that will spread outside will be the minimum.

We checked our equipment, under the gentle candle light. It seems like Elizabeth is finally awake.

“Don't tell me the last wall has already fall?”

“That's impossible. If that the case, then they should have already inform us a long time ago.”

Angela said, denying it.

“There are something flying on the sky right now. It's far so I can't see it clearly.”

Sati who has finished preparing first, peek outside the window.

A surprise attack from the sky, huh. Seems like they are ignoring the second wall now. No wonder the watchmen guarding the wall were taken by surprise...

Finally, I finished preparing.

Even the last one, Elizabeth, is ready. She's just wearing her black robe and

holding her cane. That simple.

“Alright, let’s go out and confirm the situation.”

As we went outside I see Danilo dono hastily run towards us.

“What’s the situation?”

“I don’t know. Right now, we have only confirmed that attacks will be launched from sky high. With all this confusion, everyone is gathering at the shrine hall. Even the knight is preparing for the battle right now.”

I blow off the candle, and all of us followed Danilo dono towards the shrine hall. In the hall, a large group of priests, adventurers, soldiers and people from the Order can be seen.

“I hope that both Olba and Nania are safe.”

“They live in a place with lots of adventurers around, right? Even Sergeant dono is there, so it should be okay.”

Right after I said that, someone announce the current news with loud voice.

“We got a contact from the wall! Even though we are under attack, the second wall remain safe!”

So, we’re safe for the time being. But should we remains waiting here like this?

“What now. Is there anything that I can do?”

“Let’s wait first. It’s dangerous to move alone right now.”

As expected of Elizabeth, she is still calm. I’ll count on you for now.

While we’re waiting, another news come.

“Someone should start defending this fortress! Our man from Blue Dragon Force are more than willing to go and fortify at the second wall. Kongo squad should continue defending here!”

“Elizabeth, what about us?”

“We should follow the Orders. Our movement is restricted here, so it’s better for us to participate in the defence at the castle wall.”

"Understood. Angela please wait here with the other."

"I'm following too."

"No can do. Your cloth is not suitable. With an equipment like you will get easily pierced by arrows and die."

Even though Elizabeth is lightly dressed, her robe is fortified by magic and it can deflect arrows.

"Okay..."

"Let's go, the Orders are departing. It's okay Anne, I will take proper care of Masaru."

"Okay. Please be careful."

"Let's go. We don't want to be left behind by them."

Elizabeth went and ask the knight team that is going out from the hall.

The knight's leader give us their okay. Several torches were lit up by the Orders and illuminating our way. Sati is holding her bow and I'm holding my sword.

When we reached the gate, the knight in front gave us a warning.

"An attack! It's coming from above!"

We faced down, following the movement of the Orders.

I quickly detect the monsters. So, it's Wyvern, huh? They're not as big as a dragon, but it is still about 5 metre large.

The Wyvern quickly dive towards us and flew to the sky again.

"It's useless to hit it from below. They're large and fast."

"I'll shoot it down with Thunder."

Elizabeth start casting. Together, I start chanting 【Thunder】----

The Wyvern is diving again.

We can make it. This Wyvern is slower than the previous dragon---casting complete!

“Thunder!!”

The thunder hit the Wyvern hard, then it falls to the Orders in front of us. The knights rushed towards it and stab it.

Just now my level raised by 1.

“You saved us, Wizard dono.”

Several people of the Orders greet us.

“Here Wizard dono. Come, follow me.”

We encountered some more monster on the way to the wall. It seems that having wizards in the group really help lessened their burden.

Although we are in the middle of the knight squad, we are hit by arrows sometimes so it's scary.

“You still remember how to cast Thunder.”

“I practice hard while you're not around, Elizabeth.”

Actually, I didn't. This is the first time I shot one besides when practicing with her.

“You still can't use Mega Thunder, right?”

“That would still be impossible...”

The point that I allocated last time was already reset.

The knight team stopped right at the 2<sup>nd</sup> wall. It is still broken. But we can see the sign of repairing in progress is going on.

“What's the matter?”

“Look, over there.”

I look at the place where she pointed her finger at. The U-shaped hole from before is still there, but the passage is nowhere to be seen. Is it already destroyed?

What now...something is climbing up, is it an enemy!?

“It's likely to climb over here. If that happen, then we need to stop it.”

“Is it impossible to block it by Earth magic?”

“Even if we do it right now, it will be destroyed in an instant. In that case, we need to build it and harden it, but there’s no Earth mage capable of that.”

“Skilful Earth mage is that rare?”

Elizabeth ask him.

“That’s not the problem. There are none here in the frontline because originally, they are not needed in the construction of Pioneering village. We rely more in civil construction technique.”

This place was established for more than 10 years now, that’s why they rarely come here. It’s the same case for Healer. They are more towards supportive role so they won’t come to the frontline.

Can I do it, that magic?

Currently my Earth magic is level 3, so it should be more than enough. Should I increase it to level 4, just in case?

## Masaru Level 13 Skill 6P

Skill Reset	Rasgarde World Standard Language	Clock
Cooking level 2	Covert level 3	Stealthy Steps level 2
Presence	Enhanced Physical Fitness	Willpower
Detection level 4	Recovery	
Physical Reinforcement level 2	Shield level 3	Evade level 3
Martial Art level 1	Archer level 3	Knife Throwing level 2
Swordsmanship level 4	Magical Sense level 1	High Speed Casting level 5
Magical Power Enhancement level 3	MP Recovery level 3	Common Magic
Life Magic	Recovery Magic level 4	Fire Magic level 4
Water Magic level		

**【Earth Magic Level 4】**

1. Earth Bullet
2. Earth Wall and Hardening
3. Shooting Rock Golem Bullet
4. Create Giant Earth Golem

I wonder if Giant Golem is good enough? No, I don't have time to think about it.

"Please let me do it."

First, I will create an earth wall, identical as possible to the current wall. Then, I will lift it up, and set it on top of the current wall, making it harder to climb.

After that, I will try to redo the process.

"Please, go down with this. I'll dig a hole around here!"

Start chanting **【Earth wall】**——I need to make it as hard as possible. Damn, the magical energy consumption is huge! Pg.124

Giant earth wall gradually formed. A hole in the ground spread as the wall grows bigger. The earth wall of the same shape as the castle wall which collapsed is completed. Now I must lift it up and set it up.

Chanting **【Levitation】** ——It's heavy. Or rather this is bad.

The earth wall is still on the ground. I try to imagine the process more clearly. First, I will make it separated from the ground...and it's start lifting.

"I'm helping out too."

It seems that the wall is lifted thanks to Elizabeth help.

Slowly, the huge wall rises.

"Thanks a bunch."

At last, the earth wall reaches the top of the original wall. We carefully align

its position. I can feel that my magical power is decreasing steadily. Crushing all the monsters that are trying to climb the wall, both the wall is finally joined together.

“We made it!”

Cheers rose from those knights. Albeit looking shabby, for now, it’s work fine as a temporary solution. From this side, it can even be used as a passage way.

I’ll apply 【Hardening】to the repaired castle wall.

“Great work! You managed to close the hole at once!”

“I also cast Hardening on it. It should have an effect for at least one day.”

My head start to feel dizzy after throwing out all these magics in one time. Perhaps there are only about 10% of my magical power is left. I take out MP potion and drink it. Occasionally, I also sip my Magi tea.

“Let’s go, Masaru. How is your current magical power?”

“There are still some left, so it should be okay.”

Even though the remaining is about 10%, it is still more than enough to shoot some magics and it will recover to decent amount sooner or later.

“Is that so. Then, let’s hurry.”

“Wizard dono, please, this way.”

By the escort of the Order, we took the stair to the top of the castle. Then, by using my magic sight, I have confirmed that there are flocks of monster above the cloud, large enough forces to cover all the sky.

# Chapter 8 ~ A battle of defence

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"T-this is..."

A massive flock of monsters are there, laid before our eyes.

Just how many of them are there? Surely not less than 10000 or even 20000 foes. All these monsters, filling up the sky. The glimmers of the moonlight shone through them, making them look like majestic creatures. Having their sight totally focus at the fortress, they are moving as one.

"This is truly something. For this large amount of force to attack at once, this must be the first time in the history."

Elizabeth told me not to do anything that will attract them, but I'm stunned anyway.

Currently, the area around the first wall and the second wall is already surrounded by monsters.

The monsters have been penetrating the wall since, and the first wall has fallen. Now, they are trying to overcome the second wall by climbing over with ladder.

Occasionally, some of them manage to climb through and we're forced for melee combat. Their number is currently overwhelming us by a margin, so our force is having a hard time defending.

Not only that, there are still those monsters in the sky. Surely, they are aiming for the city centre.

The intense attack from the enemy side, in addition with them magics and arrows from far away, making it harder for us to defend.

Doesn't matter just how many monsters we manage to defeat; their numbers didn't show any sign of dwindling. Oi, this is bad, aren't it?

How are we supposed to send injured people for treatment? Rather, we

should think of a way to reduce their numbers first...

Right now, Sati is firing arrows, while hiding behind the wall made of debris. As for me, I'm taking out the arrows from my Item Box and giving it to Sati.

Elizabeth nearby me has already start chanting.

Oh?

Unlike her usual soft voice, her voice right now has the firm feelings into it. This is unusual.

***O the wind blowing up and down in heaven and earth***

***The one that destroy and rebuild, I summon thee***

***To create a vorpal, I request a vortex, a vortex of rippling gale, that will spiral high above the sky and bash my enemies***

“Windstorm!!”

A gust of wind creates a tornado, blowing and chopping the monsters apart.

Somehow, this is one cool looking way to cast a spell. But because I'm too shy to ask, I will never get to know it though.

Alright, I'm going to do it too.

Start casting 【Fire Storm】——

The demons occasionally leer at us, but since there are band of knight in front both of us, I can chant without feeling intimidated.

“Firestorm!!”

I targeted the area with the highest density. There, we can see the fire is consuming a large amount of monster.

My level rose up by 2. I only have a shot left. Even though I just repaired the fortress wall, I still unleash this all – will – die attack. Truly a wrong judgement in my side.

“Isn't this a little too much?”

"Huh?" pg. 128

"Not only can you use a high-level recovery and space magic, you can do this fire magic too. Then thunder magic. Even just now, the earth magic you used for the wall. Maybe you can use water magic, higher than elementary level one too?"

"Hahaha, I wonder about that."

"When it was at Siory town, there are only fire and recovery magic! Just how in the world are you capable of doing all this now! Teach me!"

She brings her face closer, and demands for an explanation. Doesn't matter, I already prepared my way out this time.

Will she let it go if I said that I'm a genius too, like Sati?

"Hey, that's not what we should focus right now. The enemy..."

"Oh well. I'll definitely make you spill all of it later. We're going to get married anyway later, so why the secret?"

I wonder what she will do.

Not to talk that we're in a pinch right now, too...



But what should I do now.

I have enough reserve to shoot one more time, but should I kept it in case of emergency?

This might be a good opportunity to use boulder. I gathered all the rocks nearby and make it large and robust.

“Can you look at it for a moment?”

I ask for the knights help, and then dropped the boulders. I didn’t go and see if the boulders really hit anything. It’s scary to look directly down at this height.

“Ooo, that is amazing. Is that an earth magic too?”

“It’s a space magic. I put the boulders into my Item Box.”

I wonder where is the best place to drop it. Maybe I’ll ask the guys from the knight squadron.

“So, you want to dropped all these boulders at the ladder? Got it. I’ll guide you.”

Good. I can gain lots of experience points like this.

Can I really get experience points like this though? This is just like accidents, right? Whatever. Experience points or not, our priority is to defeat all the enemies.

I lower my head and join the knights. We sneaked around to the next location. Nice, full armour. I’m going to buy one later, and keep it in my Item Box. No, maybe I should go for that big shield first. I will ask the guild about the Order equipment list first.

I’m dropping the boulder here as instructed.

The boulders seem to be aiming for the enemy ladder. My aims were off at first so I need to redo it few times before hitting the target for real.

By the time I reached the right end of the fortress, I already dropped around 30 boulders. I managed to level up by 1.

"Let's go down to the ground and go to the left-wing side. Can you run?"

"Yea, it's fine even if you run as fast as possible."

I saw that these knights didn't even break a sweat. After the front gave the signal, they all start to run with great momentum.

Even though they're wearing full armour, their speed is still fast!

I'm desperate to catch up with their speed. By the time we reach left wing of the fortress, my breath is already ragged.

"My, you're quick with your leg, even though you're just a wizard. We never thought that you can catch up with us doing our best."

"Ha-ha-hah... I – I'm still good to go, don't worry. Let's go. Ha-hah...Even if I run out of breath...it won't be a problem."

I went up the stairs and moved onto the castle wall and dropped the rock again. It is quite tough to walk in the middle of the group.

"Just leave it there. The wizard will destroy it alongside the ladder."

"Please. I'm leaving it to you."

With hot water and arrows alone, it is still not enough to drop all the climbing monsters completely. There are logs and some other thing that can be used, but it has been grown out of service due to long time not been used. We can still use magic, and there are some mages in this team too. But the magical power consumption is an issue, if we plan to do this the whole night.

"Here. Around this area. Do it as much as possible to the wall please."

I select the rocks in my Item Box and drop it at the designated position. I can adjust it position within the radius of 1 meter.

"Got it! The ladder just broke!"

"You hit it. Alright, let's go to the next location."

The next location is at the central gate. Even that gate has some monsters sprawling around already.

"Won't the gate get destroyed?"

"Don't worry. This gate is the most robust among all other gates, a simple act of magic isn't enough to destroy it."

He says that the lower part of the gate was also constructed to be sturdy, the likes of Orcs are not strong enough to destroy it.

The base of the fortress walls continues till underground. This makes digging a hole inside not possible. Usually, there are some mages dispatched to check the condition of it, whether there are some attempted of digging through inside or not. The fortress used to have a moat too. But now it is already unusable, and it was filled with the monster's corpses and soils.

As we went further inside, we found a catapult. There are two of them here. I wonder if it would be easier for us to go for offensive if there are more of these. When I asked about it, they said that the first one is broken at the first place, and the second one was broken during the first raid.

Going further, I come across the restored wall. It seems to be working well for now.

"The part that the wizard has restored is quite sturdy, isn't it?"

"Yes. But this is just a wall made from soil. If the hardening effect dissipated, we need to redo the whole process again."

"There should be something that can be used to make it last longer. I'll tell you later."

Is this fine though. When all of this is over, I should come back and check.

"Is wizard dono someone important from the shrine?"

"I am dispatched as a healing mage from the adventurer guild. Today I came with you guys because this thing happens." Pg. 133

"By the way, I have not heard your name yet, I am Morten of the Temple Knight Junior Dragon Corps Vice-Captain."

"Masaru, adventurer."

We handshake.

"Oh, drop it here next please."

I dropped the rock at the place where Morten san pointed.

“.....its a hit. When I think about it, you’re really versatile. Other than earth magic, you can still use fire magic and space magic. Especially your space magic, it’s truly spectacular.”

“Aah, my space magic is a bit special. It would help me if you can keep it to yourself, Vice-Captain.”

The space magic of this world is limited by how much weight one can carry at one time. It will be impossible for normal people to carry the amount of what I’m carrying right now.

“I see. It’s the trade secret of a wizard. Alright, I’ll keep quiet about it.”

I’m steadily destroying the ladder one by one, and then I’m planning to return to Elizabeth and Sati.

“I used a total of 80 rocks. There are only 18 rocks left.”

“Hmm...should I preserve...no, I can replenish it later...but if I want to create this kind of boulders, I need to go outside this area.”

For the being, I’ll leave Morten san and find Sati and Elizabeth.

“How is the situation right now?”

“The arrows will disappear soon, I think.”

“The enemies didn’t decrease in the slightest. But since all the ladders were destroyed by Masaru, there are less enemies that managed to climb up now.”

I’m giving the arrows to Sati.

“Right now, this is the last arrows that I have. I’ll need to resupply it with Sergeant dono.”

Sati level has increased again. The total of points that she has, is it around 16P?

For now, I increased her Evasion to level 4, and 12P still left.

Maybe I’ll keep it first for now.

Sati Level 20 Skill 12P

Cooking level 2	Household level 2	Sewing level 2
Covert level 3	Stealthy Steps level 2	Sound Detection level 4
Smell Detection level 2	Sturdy	Hawk Eyes
Physical Reinforcement level 3	Evasion level 4	Shield level 2
Swordsmanship level 5	Archery level 5	Mind Eyes

Next is my status. I also got some good levelling, and gain some extra points.

### Masaru Level 17 Skill 46P

Skill Reset	Rasgarde World Standard Language	Clock
Cooking level 2	Covert level 3	Stealthy Steps level 2
Presence Detection level 4	Enhanced Physical Fitness Recovery	Willpower
Physical Reinforcement level 2	Shield level 3	Evasion level 3
Martial Art level 1	Archery level 3	Knife Throwing level 2
Swordsmanship level 4	Magical Sense level 1	High Speed Casting level 5
Magical Power Enhancement level 5	MP Recovery level 5	Common Magic
Life Magic	Recovery Magic level 4	Fire Magic level 4
Water Magic level 3	Wind Magic level 3	Earth Magic level 4

Anyway, I'm insufficient of MP right now.

I increased my Magical Power Enhancement to level 5, and it costs me 18P. Then I increased my MP recovery skill to level 5, and sums up to 26P. The rest is only 4P. My MP consumption has been cut to half, so I can shoot two more Fire

Storm at most now.

At this rate, I'll raise my level again, maybe by another 2.

I drink my last MP potion, and a bit of Magi tea. I saw Elizabeth is sitting against the wall, and is eating her pudding.

"Did you run out of magical power too?"

"I can shoot about one more time. How about you, Masaru?"

"Around two more shots."

I'm targeting the crease in the wall, where the monsters likely to be hiding.

Begins casting **【Fire Storm】**—Activate!!

"Fire Storm!!"

A lot of monsters are burned over by the raging pillar of fire and burned up. My level rose by two.

Maybe I'll only shoot two times only. I'll keep another shot for emergency. Alright now for the second one.

**【Fire Storm】**—Activate!!

My level rises again.

There is still some MP left. Maybe another one shot?

Suddenly, I noticed that Elizabeth is staring at me during my invocation.

"Fire magic is very useful at a times like this."

"It's not useful in the forest at all. But now, what are you planning to do? You have depleted your magical power, and Sati arrows are likely to finish by now."

"You're right. Well, let's wait till the dawn comes and we will see how." Pg. 137

It's already close to dawn, but the sky is still dark. However, the area around the wall is lightly illuminated with magic and bonfire.

"Should we eat our bentou now? Sati, come here and take a break!"

Thanks to all these burnt monsters around here, we will have some extra

food, in case if these bentou is not sufficient.

My eyes suddenly meet with Morten's.

"I'm sorry. My magical power is already depleted now, so there is nothing much that I can do..."

"Oh no, yeah, I know, please leave this to us and take a break for a while."

I take out Magi tea water bottles and also bentou for Sati and Elizabeth.

The amount of foods that I have is as it is, but the amount of food boxes has decreased. I should bring more next time. Maybe I can take it from the shrine kitchen. They have many other ingredients too.

"So how? How did you learn so much magic while I'm out?"

"Yea, I have never brought this up. But you know, I do think that I'm quite a genius."

"Are you messing with me?"

"No, no, no, I'm serious. Somehow, I never have a problem to learn anything, and the next thing I know, I can already do it."

"I don't understand what you're trying to say. Explain it more clearly!"

"Speaking of which, you cast a spell loudly before. It's very cool, no? Five winds blowing up and down in the heavens and earths. I think it's embarrassing, so what do you think?"

"Y, you, what are you saying now."

"You were chanting quite loudly, so I hear all of it. Hey, tell me the reason."

"...you."

"Yes?"

"Why don't you think it yourself!"

"Seriously? It's not like I'm doing a bad thing. Why so mad..."

In my case, there's no way I'll chant it like that.

「わたしのはね、比較的大丈夫なの。でも他の人のはちょっと. . .」

“Why do you hate it so much?”

“That’s how I learned to do it, now I can’t unleash spell without chanting it loudly first.”

“It’s not bad though, in my opinion.”

“During my teacher’s generation, casting spell loudly is a thing. I wonder who my teacher’s master was. I heard he was a great magician. Everyone imitated what he is doing. It’s normal phenomenon right, seeing a great person and imitating whatever he does? After that, lots of bad things happen. There is this stupid wizard that chant it out loud, only to trip and fell over...Since then it has been a norm that it’s embarrassing to chant loudly during casting.”

“Hmm.”

“As for me, it’s only when I became an adventurer that I realised how embarrassing doing it is...”

“Please let me know if there’s others beside the wind one.”

“No way I’ll tell you, jerk!!”

Why are you hating it that much? I wonder what kind of trauma she has experienced.

“Cheer up. Looks, it already dawn...”

Ah, I unintentionally diverted the topic. Well, I also don’t like to press the matter, if the person doesn’t want to talk about it.

Elizabeth is moody as usual.

“Sati, can you see the town from here?”

I will go down to the stairs where the arrows will not fly and look at the state of the town.

“I can’t see the flying monster.”

“So, what do you think.”

“If we wait, the reinforcement will come around noon. I think, we better wait for it.’

Should I release the remaining boulders that I have? My level might raise a little bit more. My magical power will replenish soon enough, and it takes less to cast heal, unlike the flashy one.

“Then I will crush the remaining ladder.”

“Got it. Let’s wait here, Sati.”

“Yes, Elizabeth san”

I started the routine after I regroup with Morten san.

These knights guide me here and there for this second round.

Thanks to that, my boulders stock finished in less than 3 minutes. Although the job efficiency increased, my level did not raise at all.

“I already finished all the boulders in my possession, so I’ll be going back to the shrine soon. I need to replenish my magical power too.”

“I’ll ask some of my men to be your escort.”

I still have some MP left, but I already start feeling sluggish. Is it because of MP, or lack of sleep? No matter, I want to sleep anyways. There’s no way I can relax here, where a flying arrows and magic always around.

After I’m done with Morten san, I came back to Elizabeth and Sati. Surprisingly, even Sergeant dono is around this time.

“Hey Masaru, do you still have some magical power? There are not enough personnel in the shrine clinic right now.”

It seems like Sergeant dono came visit us after he visited the shrine first.

It is still within my expectation...but my participation here with the defensive forces is not wasted. I managed to level up a lot. Even my skills point increased with extra bonus. Currently, my MP recovery per hour exceed 200.

“I’m alright, there’s some spare left. I’ll hurry to the clinic then.”

“I’ll depend on you.”

“Masaru sama, I think I’ll stay here.”

“Is that so. Don’t be a burden to Sergeant dono okay. Sergeant dono, how is

the current situation?"

"The enemy shouldn't be able to enter anymore now."

"I see. Sati, eat this if you're hungry."

I gave her 2 lunch boxes. Currently the inside of fortress is still in chaos, so I doubt that they can provide rations for people here.

"Thank you, Masaru sama."

"Be careful. Sergeant dono, please take care of Sati. Let's go, Elizabeth."

We were escorted by Morten's man to the shrine. When we arrived there, the place is already crowded with injured peoples.

I already replenish enough MP to cast Area Heal, but let's go back to my room first.

I change to my masked priest outfit, and check my status menu.

Before the event last night, my maximum MP is around 1000P, but after I levelled it up, the amount has increased to 5000P total. MP boost increased my MP around 25%. If I added the 100% bonus from the ring, the total will be multiplied by four or five times more. This is certainly too much, isn't it...?



# Chapter 9 ~ Elizabeth and Ring of Magical Power

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My MP is relentlessly recovering.

After I calculate it carefully, it seems that my MP will recover around 224P per hour. In this case, I can use how many magic I want. After my job at the clinic is done, why don't I go back to the wall? I'm sure those guys can use some help.  
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When I reached back at the room just now, I saw that Elizabeth has already crawled into the bed and sleep. I already noticed that she has been sleepy since our way back here from the wall.

And then an idea came across my mind. Why don't I lend Elizabeth my Magical Power ring? My original MP is around 1200P. The ring is increasing it for another 1200, and I got another 3000 from skills. It can be concluded that the ring is not really necessary for me now.

I can say that this ring has helped me a lot to practice me magic. I received this ring from God after all, I'm sure it can bring benefits to her.

The shrine hall is filled with injured people today too.

Danilo dono quickly come and meet me.

"Ah, Masaru dono! I'm glad that you're safe. When I asked Sister Angela, she said that you join the defensive force at the fortress wall last night. I was so worried."

"I'm sorry, but can you do something for me real quick? I want you to collect all the injured peoples in one place, so that I can cure them all in one shot."

"Alright, I'll get it done right now."

"Ah, do you know where is Sister Angela currently now?"

"She should be at the treatment room, the room next to here."

When I'm peering inside the treatment room, I saw her having a break with the other priests.

"Ah, Masa...not."

"The travelling priest."

"Oh not, I guess it's the journeying priest."

"Yes. Elizabeth is currently resting in the room. Sati is still defending at the fortress wall, but she is accompanied by Sergeant dono right now."

"Fine. How about you, then?"

"I don't know. It's amazing that we managed to go through all that and still alive."

Even though we have some advantages, positioning ourselves on top of the wall, the number of the monsters are still overwhelming us. It's the amount that we, 10 to 20 persons, can't easily handle. The monsters keep coming out one after another, but it did gradually decreasing in the end. There are still 3 days until the army from the Kingdom arrives. I wonder if we can hold out till then.

My total MP right now is enormous. Maybe after I'm fully charged, I can participate at the frontline.

After that, Danilo dono tell me that the preparation for Area Heal is completed.

Like this the shrine healers can take some rest.

"I'll need two hours to charge for another Area Heal. I'll rest at my room for the moment."

"How about breakfast? Have you eaten?"

"I already ate a while ago. How about you Angela, what're you going to do?"

"I'm staying with the priest here. I'll try to make it so that you can take your time. There's no need for you to come back here after 2 hours sharp."

That makes me laugh, and smile. This girl, she is trying to be considerate to

me, isn't it? Well, the mood in the shrine has lifted since after I used the Area Heal. There's no need to throw a cold water now.

"No way, Elizabeth is still sleeping. I won't do anything."

"Really?"

"That's right. See you later, then."

What can I do during this 2 hours? I don't think waking Elizabeth up is a good idea.

Besides, the situation outside is not getting any better...

When I reached the room, I saw that Elizabeth has already awake. Then she went to the toilet. I wonder if she is feeling okay now.

I brew a new batch of Magi tea, and give it to Elizabeth after she comes back.

"My, thank you."

So she said, then she sit down at the table and drink it.

"Are you done with the treatment?"

"Yeah. I'm resting now, for about 2 hours."

"Then we have enough time to talk. I would like you to continue the previous story."

You still want to talk about it huh.

"Are you going to teach me how to chant?"

"That's not it! It's about how abnormal your learning pace is. Don't tell me, did you hide it from me when you said that you're not able to use much magic, the first time we met?"

"No way. I really didn't know Wind, Water and Earth magic by that time. I'm willing to swear on Tilika chan name."

"Okay...Then?"

I remove the ring that I'm currently wearing, and give it to Elizabeth.

"What's this ring got to do with anything?"

She looks at the ring.

"I'll lend that to you, Elizabeth."

"Find a better place before giving me this, idiot. Besides, this one looks too plain."

"This ring is said to be a magical ring that is capable to boost your magical power and your recovery rate. I have a lot of magical power now, unlike last time. That's why I'm giving it to you, in case something happens."

"Is that so...I used to have this kind of thing too, in the past. This magical instrument is really expensive though."

"It's really cost me a lot. That's why I'm just lending it."

"I'm grateful for this. Thank you."

Elizabeth wear the ring at her ring finger.

"Well, I already put it on, but I don't see any effects. I don't understand."

"Your magical power will increase by 100 percent. Also, your recovery rate will improve too."

"Eh? This is the first time I heard about it. Usually, it's the other way around."

"I told you it's 100% enhancement. Your total amount of magic power should increase."

"This must be a lie!? I've never heard about such thing before..."

"I'm willing to swear in front of Tilika chan. Why don't you try to see it tomorrow, then maybe you will understand?"

"...Okay."

That said, Elizabeth looks at the ring carefully.

"If it can really increase your magical power, then it's already under legendary tool class..."

"Is it that amazing?" pg. 147

"This is not only amazing, it's beyond it! If someone knows you're in possession of items like this, they might even target your life!"

My mouth is wide open in shock, after hearing her said that.

“Do you know someone else that might possess something like this?”

Elizabeth said she never heard anyone like that.

“So, Elizabeth doesn’t have acquaintance that have this type of item. I doubt Angela or Sati have it too.”

“Please do not mention anything about this in the future.”

“Ok.”

After thinking carefully, I gave Elizabeth something, but I’ve never gave the other two anything yet. Maybe I should keep this a secret.

“You never fail to amaze me. Especially this time, just how do you get this thing without knowing its value is beyond me.”

“If I want to sell it, how much can I get?”

“This thing won’t sell.”

“Eh!?”

“Nobody can afford it. Isn’t it good? The greatest magic tool that increases the magical power that I know is the bracelet of magical power handed down within the Imperial royal family. I heard that it can increase your magical power by 50%. Still it is like an heirloom of a royal family and handed down to generations of kings. You can never afford to buy this, considering the price. That’s amazing how you ever get to have one...”

This is truly an item given by God then. To think that the specification is this extraordinary.

“Say, can I really borrow this?”

“Elizabeth, you’re going to enter our party sooner or later. I think that this thing will benefit you more, rather than being used by me.”

“True. Then please excuse me.”

Elizabeth is still staring at the ring.

“You told me that you receive this ring from someone. Can I know who is that

person?"

I got it from God, to help me hunt the Wild Rabbit. Of course, I can't say such thing. In the story of a brave men, usually he will put his life at stake to take out all the devils. Then after that, the brave will survive, and live peacefully, ever after. That might not be the case for me though.

"Ah. If you want me to talk about it now, it's kinda..."

"It's okay. I know it's hard to talk about it. This ring is not your usual item, after all."

Good, now is the chance to change the topic.

"Then how about your magic?"

Why are you going to that direction now!?

"Um, it's all thanks to this ring."

"This ring again?"

"This ring double the amount of magical power, that way I can practice twice as much."

I have hardly practiced, though.

"It also feels like understanding the principle behind a magic is easier with this ring on. But I'm not sure about that, though."

Because this is an excuse that I came up with just now.

"Well, if it's able to increase your magical power, then it's possible...plus it's in a legendary item class. It's not surprising for it to have additional effects."

I made it this time!

"Still, you only take one month to master 3 intermediate spells...Masaru is really a genius after all?" pg. 150

"Besides, I have lots of magical power now. I think, I have double of what you have without the ring."

I won't be surprised if Elizabeth MP increase by tenfold though. But, there's no way for me to know, as I don't have access to her status menu yet.

"Hmm, considering the time when me and Anne are teaching you magics, you really couldn't make it if not for this ring."

"Right, right. My teachers are that good."

"I'm going to continue sleeping then...Masaru, do you want to join me?"

Elizabeth was looking at the ring, and tell me that.

Is this, an invitation from her?

"Eh? Fine then, I'm joining you."

I told Angela that I'll come back after 2 hours, a little flirting around won't hurt...

"You gave me such a nice engagement ring, so I have to do a bit of service."

"No, no, no. I never said that I'm giving it to you. I'm just lending it out."

"We're a couple now. Our time spending together won't be just now, but forever. That's why, your belonging is mine too now."

I took off my armour, and lie besides Elizabeth.

"Well then, just how is the wife supposed to serve her husband. Mind showing me?"

"Hurm...what am I supposed to do now, I wonder?"

That said, Elizabeth bring her face closer to me, and then kiss me hard. Hmm, she really is aggressive!

"I did fell asleep midway last night."

So, is she telling me that we are going to continue from that night...?

"It can't be helped. I did used up all my magical power that time."

After saying that, she gave out a big yawn.

"Ehh? You're going to sleep already?"

"That's the end of the service for today. Please don't do anything strange to me while I'm sleeping, kay?"

She already roused me, and now this?

Are you serious, Elizabeth san...

Can't be helped then. I'm getting sleepy too, maybe I'll take a nap for a while.

"Sleep tight, Elizabeth."

I kissed her forehead before going to bed. Seeing that peaceful sleeping face, is making me happy enough.

I was woken up by Angela.

"Morning, Masaru."

Wow. It's already lunchtime. I was surprised when I checked the time.

"How is the treatment going?"

"As soon as Masaru went to the room, there were lots of support from adventurers from other towns, because three healing artists have increased, so it's okay to take a rest for a while."

I smile wryly. I wonder if this is how the people from this fortress felt when they saw us coming.

Three days left until the army from the Kingdom arrive. It's today, tomorrow and the day after tomorrow. I wish I can hold out till then.

"So, it's already lunchtime. Please help me wake up Elizabeth."

"Alright."

The 3 of us eat the lunch that was prepared by Angela. Occasionally, Elizabeth will look at her hand, and start blushing. Oi, this is supposed to be our secret, right? Why are you acting suspicious now?

Suddenly, Angela threw a tsukkomi.

"Hey, what's the deal with that ring. I've never seen you wear that before?"

Of course she will notice it. Now Elizabeth is turning here for help. Then Angela turns to face me.

"That reminds me, I think I saw Masaru wore it while back."

Elizabeth wear it right after I gave it to her. And now the same ring has disappeared from my finger. It's a given that she will turns suspicious.

"Ah, yeah. That's a ring that can boost your magical power. I gave it to Elizabeth, since she is going to enter our party and all. I hope that can much or less improve our overall party strength."

"Th-that's right. It's not some kind of engagement ring, you get it? I'm just borrowing it."

"This thing is valuable, that's why I'm kind of hesitant to tell anyone about it."

"Well, it's really a bad idea if you announce it as magical item."

"Right, right. It's bad to talk loud about it. That's why I've never said anything."

Both Elizabeth and myself are desperate to not make Angela angry.

"Say whatever you want, it's still a ring."

"Then make sure you find something for me too. It's okay even if it's cheap."

"Alright, it's a promise."

I'll find one for Sati too.

Just what should I get them, though. Maybe I'll ask any married priest later.

After lunch, I lied on the bed while checking my status. I'm still hiding it though, so I made it looks like I'm reading a book.

### Masaru Level 20 Skill 34P

Skill Reset	Rasgarde World Standard Language	Clock
Cooking level 2	Covert level 3	Stealthy Steps level 2
Presence	Enhanced Physical Fitness	Willpower
Detection level 4	Recovery	
Physical Reinforcement level 2	Shield level 3	Evasion level 3
Martial Art level 1	Archery level 3	Knife Throwing level 2
Swordsmanship level 4	Magical Sense level 1	High Speed Casting level 5
Magical Power Enhancement level 5	MP Recovery level 5	MP Usage Reduction

Common Magic	Life Magic	level 5
Fire Magic level 4	Water Magic level 3	Recovery Magic level 4
Earth Magic level 4		Wind Magic level 3

My maximum MP is still 4000. My MP recovery rate has been reduced to 174/hours, but give it 24 hours and I'll be fully recovered. My MP reduction skill will reduce the usage up to 50%. Therefore, I'm able to use double the number of spells I normally used.

As for the other skills, high speed chanting and MP resilience, I already have both max out.

Magical power sensing...just what it does actually? I don't know if this thing worth the upgrade. Is it like a detection system, that would allow you to sense wizards chanting from faraway place? Yeah, seems unnecessary for me.

Today I'm going to raise either Fire magic or Recovery magic to level 5. Both requires 20P to level up. If I raise my level yet more and collect some more points, then I'll be able to level up both at once.

What should I do now? I don't know what I can get from Fire magic level 5. Meteor? Or will it be something like firestorm, with wide area effect.... anyways, it should be destructive enough.

Then, how about Recovery magic level 5? It should be useful, seeing that I'm stuck at the shrine right now doing treatment. But it was said that even the mightiest spell can't cure Olba san leg, so maybe I'll put it on hold first.

How about space magic? Maybe I should consult Elizabeth first? She is having a conversation with Angela when I'm looking at her.

"Hey Elizabeth! Do you still remember about the Space magic discussion that we had we you're inquiring about my Item box?"

"That's right. I remember that I did ask you that before."

"Then?"

"Short range teleportation. Next one is long range materialization. What, are

you learning space magic next?"

"Yea. I'm thinking of doing it."

ポイントつぎ込めば一発なんだけど、10p 使ってアイテムボックスでした、じゃなあ。

I don't even know how much point required to increase to level 2. Well, if anything goes wrong, I can still reset it.

Based on the information that I've gathered, you're most likely won't be able to fly, until you have mastered long range materialization. Too bad a magic that would help you remember things doesn't exist.

Okay, I've decided. I'm going to upgrade my Recovery magic first. As for Fire magic, I will upgrade it later, after I killed some more monster and gain points.

### 【Recovery magic level 5】

1. Heal (small)
2. Antidote
3. Regen, disease cure.
4. Area Heal, Extra Heal
5. Miracle Light

Only 14P remains now. Recovery magic level 5 really is Miracle Light, just like what the Bishop sama tell me earlier.

Next day, early in the morning, I snuck out together with Sati and participate in the frontline.

I still need to persuade Sergeant dono first though, but eventually he let me join them. In exchange, I need to keep it a secret from the shrine.

"I heard you contribute in the night raid before. Your help with the treatment is quite an accomplishment too. Maybe I can cut you some slack for now."

The 2<sup>nd</sup> wall that I repaired last time is still standing. I can consider it safe for now. Maybe I'll reinforce it a lil' bit more, just in case.

The monsters keep coming assaulting the wall. But if compared to previous

night, this is still manageable. I used fire magic alongside Elizabeth and eliminated the enemies.

My level raised by 1, so I've decided to raise my Fire magic.

### 【Fire magic level 5】

1. Fire arrow
2. Fireball, gunpowder(火槍)
3. Firewall, small explosion
4. Firestorm, big explosion
5. Flare, Meteor

I'm waiting for the next demon assault, but they retreated instead. Feeling quite disappointed, I went back to the shrine to continue the treatment.

The enemies are still on offensive, therefore the wounded counts won't decrease anytime soon. However, I'm not worried about my MP consumption anymore, mainly because of my total MP value. Not only that, the healer that came from neighbouring city helps too.

I really want to release the Meteor and Flare that I've just learned, yet, I abstained myself, fearing that Danilo dono might find me out. I don't want him to know that I went to frontline today.

It's my task to always remain in the shrine and do the treatment. It will be bad if somehow someone gravely injured was brought in, only to found that I'm not around. At least, it will leave a bitter aftertaste to me.

I wanted to collect some more experience points, but being greedy is not good. Plus, I've already got all the skills that I wanted at the moment.

Besides, it's not like our situation has improved yet. Since I have large reserve of MP now, I'm left with many options, given if some emergencies were to happen.

Sati managed to raise her level by 2 todays. I wonder when will her growth stop. If I checked her guild card, then maybe I can figure it out.

Anyways, I calculate the points that she has gotten, and decided to increase her Agility and Strength to level 4. With the increase in her level, her basic stats also increase. However, this amount...

But still, her MP only increase to 7 only. Not like it's unusable though. Should I give her Life magic, I wonder? She does want to learn magic after all.

### Sati Level 22 Skill 4P

Cooking level 2	Household level 2	Sewing level 2
Covert level 3	Stealthy Steps level 2	Sound Detection level 4
Smell Detection level 3	Sturdy	Hawk Eyes
Mind Eyes	Physical Reinforcement level 4	Agility level 4
Evasion level 4	Shield level 2	Swordsmanship level 5
Archery level 5		

Our battles continue for the following 3 days.

Our battle potentials have been worn out due to extensive battle, but seeing that reinforcements keep coming little by little, it's somewhat still bearable. Just a little while ago, an S Rank party has arrived here, and played a crucial role protecting this fortress.

Based on Sati explanation, the party is consisted of 5 members. They alone, went into the depth of the enemy's territory, and managed to return unscathed. What a monster...

"So, the enemies are lesser than normal?"

"It was during our assault. They got off by Levitation, then they destroyed any ladders that the monster might likely used to get on top of the fortress wall. On the way back here, they climb down using the rope that we've prepared beforehand." pg. 158

"Thanks to you, I've got some idea. I'll make sure to do that next."

I said so. Elizabeth is wearing the ring of magical power right now.

Can I do such thing, though. I'm certain there are some special requirements to get S Rank...Based on Sati story, it seems that they are somehow a melee combat specialist. I'm sure we're using different type of magic.

Only those with power, enough to overcome any sort of battlefield are worthy of the S Rank title. That said, they are comparable even to a hero.

Just when I want to help with the treatment, I saw that the hall is already bustling with energy. That's why I'm just sitting there, waiting for someone who need a medical treatment.

The treatment process has been hastened a lot, thanks to the increase in my MP. With all of them treated, I get a feeling that our frontline will be sturdier than ever before.

However, this might have been too much. Not only the Journeying Masked Priest is capable of Area heal, he is now able to heal everyone in less than one day. I'm sure that those people will gossip about this next. Please don't do it guys, I'm begging you!

Still, there's no easy way out to do the treatment.

The arrival of the S Rank party did pretty much help our overall fighting force, but people getting injured in the battlefield is still bound to happen. Not to mention, there are quite a number of people that died in the battlefield. Some of them lost their limbs, making them unable to fight forever...

There may be a massive offensive again. There might be the next midnight surprise attack.

When that happen, it might be Sati or Elizabeth that is being brought here, injured.

We're just fortunate that any of my acquaintances is not gravely injured yet.

It can be clearly seen that our forces are steadily getting exhausted, forced to participate in the battle every day.

It affects even Sati and Elizabeth. Every day, they went to battlefield in the morning, comes back in the evening, have a bath and asleep like a log. It's a usual case for Elizabeth, but to think that even Sati would be this exhausted.

Right now, the Demon side has not made any larger scale attack. They said that even the Demon side was exhausted, but I know that this is merely our wishful thinking.

We keep having reinforcements coming over, I'm guessing that the other side is having it too.

I'm ready to sortie anytime in case of emergency, but the chance has not come yet.

And in the afternoon 3 days later.

A large army of the Kingdom forces finally arrive here.

# Chapter 10 ~ Persuasion

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On the day that the kingdom army arrives, I have a talk with Sergeant dono in the Guild Hall. There, a lot of adventurers can be seen, making the hall noisy.

“So, our job here is done?”

One of the adventurer ask all of us from Siory town to gather around Sergeant dono. Since the 2<sup>nd</sup> wall has already been fortified by the army from the Kingdom, all of us were asked to take some time out and rest.

They said that the military strength of those armies are several times higher than us, the adventurers. That’s why our help is no longer necessary.

Not only that, since the arrival of the army, the Demon sides has stopped going for offensive.

Ahh, I want to return back to our house.

“Not yet. I have volunteered for us to participate in the counter attack in our latest tactical meeting. The plan is to strike tomorrow. We will pursue the enemies to their base and finish them off.”

Finally, I can defeat monsters without worry!

“Masaru, I want you to help with the construction workers to restore the wall. Aren’t you glad, that you don’t need to participate in this dangerous operation?”

Bummer...

“But you see. I have a lot of powerful offensive spells in my arsenal. Don’t you think that it is better for me to participate in this battle too?”

It should be fine now at the shrine clinic.

The total injured has been reduced a lot after the army arrives. Even today, I mainly sit and do some treatment here and there, but its apparent that my help is no longer necessary. The army did bring along their healers as well.

“That’s it. I have nominated your name as someone responsible for command

in this mission. The guild is posting this as a mission too. I understand your feeling, wanting to participate in the frontline, but someone need to stay here and take care of the wall.”

So, nobody can reinforce the wall properly huh.

However, the second wall is still a target for the enemies. Even if we were to start the construction work now, there is a high possibility that civilians going to get involve.

“We will defeat all the monsters that are approaching. Masaru should just stay at the back. Don’t you agree, Sati?”

“If Masaru sama not going, then I’ll...”

“Don’t worry Sati, Elizabeth will be with you. Even Sergeant dono will be with you, see.”

“Of course, you still need to be careful, okay.”

Sati should go and get some experiences. Elizabeth too, seeing that her party, Dawn’s Battle Axe going to disband soon.

Then a guild spokesperson come forward and give us the briefing.

The briefing confirm whatever Sergeant dono has covered before. Since this operation gives lots of bonuses, many adventurers are eager to participate. It might also have been caused by their habits, getting accustomed to participate in the defense forces for so long.

Anyway, today is a day off for everyone.

My restoration work will also start tomorrow, after the army has occupied back all the lost walls.

“What should we do today?”

“I need to inform Nania regarding our marriage.”

Nania san still don’t know about our marriage. My plan is to wait until everything has settled down first, so that she won’t get worried.

“I would like for Masaru and Sati to come together. Should we bring Angela too?”

Is this the scene where Nania san going to hand over lady Elizabeth to me?

Or maybe I need to get the blessing from both Olba san and Nania san? Shit, I'm getting nervous now.

The shrine is crowded with many people today.

Along the way, I'm giving a minor treatment to those injured for today. I can see that Angela is working alongside the other priests.

"Angela, can you get out for a while? There's something that Elizabeth would like to tell you now."

"Yea, she already mentions to me yesterday. So, are we going to meet Nania san now?"

"Just go ahead. I'm sure you don't have much magical power left with you right now."

"Thank you very much, Priest sama."

"So, what is the story now."

I asked while we're walking.

"We're going to tell her everything." *need revision pg. 164*

"Eh, didn't she loved Olba san. Plus, his leg condition right now..."

There's no doubt that the feeling between Nania san and Olba san is mutual. Even I can see that they're completely into each other. That's why Elizabeth has worked hard all this time, to ensure that their relationship is a success.

"Rather, Olba losing his feet his actually a plus. If he didn't lose his feet back then, Nania will not feel so obliged to follow him back to his hometown, instead she will stay here with me."

His leg got cut off when he is shielding Nania san last time. It can be said that she feels indebted, and worried for him because of that.

"No way, why is she going that far..."

"That's right. It was the dying wish of Nania late father. He said to be my knight and completely protect me from harms."

So, it's a promise between her late father huh, to become Elizabeth knight.

"Then who is doing the talking?"

"Of course you're doing it, Masaru."

Me!? I wonder if she will ever listen to me.

"Since you're going to become my husband in the future, it's a given that you're the one that will talk with her. You're going to replace Nania job from now on, after all. Just tell her that her service is no longer necessary. Sorry for any convenience. I hope that you will quickly go and retired with Olba san at his hometown."

"Are you fine with that, Elizabeth?"

Elizabeth stopped and look at me.

"Of course I'm not okay! We've been together since I'm just a child! For me to separate with her now, it's enough to make me sad and cry right now!"

She begins to shed tears as she was saying that.

Crap. I made her cried.

"Elizabeth..."

"All this time, I thought that there's no way for Nania to gain her happiness, being stuck with me forever. And then I wondered, is it okay if things continue like this? Now that the opportunity has present itself, I'll use it without any hesitation."

"We're doing it, Masaru! Elizabeth, please leave it to us. I'll make sure that this persuasion is a success."

"That's right. Even I wished that Nania san can find happiness."

Olba san is still a good man, even without one of his leg.

If I were in his shoes, then I will purchase a large farm and some slaves to help me run the farm. Even if some trouble happens, it will alright since I'm going to train my slave some basic combats.

I'm sure that he is capable enough to make Nania san happy.

"Un...you're right. Nania will marry Olba...in the countryside...give birth to a child...\*sob\*...Nania, Nania~..."

Angela hugged Elizabeth, who has cried all her heart out.

If Dawn Battle Axe were to remain, this kind of thing will never happen. Perhaps there is still a chance, where both of them are married, and Elizabeth and the party stayed as they are.

In fact, such discussion has happened before between Nania san and Elizabeth. If she is comfortable with this plan, then...

Of course, she has the right to leave Olba san and continue journeying with Elizabeth. However, this will leave her nothing but a live as an adventurer. Elizabeth don't want that. Besides, Elizabeth has decided that she won't let Nania san forsake her happiness, just for her sake any longer. Pg. 166

"Everything will be alright. From now on, we will always be together." *Angela*  
"Un, you're right. After this, we all will go back to the town and live together inside that house. Right, Sati?" *Masaru* "Yes, I will take care of Elizabeth sama!"  
*Sati*

"T, Thank you, everyone..."

After a while, Elizabeth finally calmed down. As expected, Angela did have a motherly aura around her. Only she is capable of doing this.

"Ehem, Elizabeth is not in any condition to meet anyone now. Let's take a break first, then we go."

"That's right. My eyes are red from crying now. There's no way I'll let Nania see me like this."

"All of this happen because Masaru saying those things..."

"Urgh...my bad."

It's just a simple question, there's no way anyone can simply cry from that right? I admit that my question is kinda insensitive though.

"Okay guys! It's time to go meet Nania and convince her!"

Elizabeth, now invigorated, is walking ahead of us. Yup, this is the Elizabeth that I know.

We finally arrive at the Guild dormitory. Elizabeth knocked the door.

"Nania, this is me."

Immediately she opened the door, and greet us.

"Why are you knocking the door, Elizabeth. This is our room, why so reserved."

"Well, I'm trying to be considerate...how about Olba?"

"He is next door. Then everyone, do you have any business with us? Um, that person over there is Angela san, right?"

These peoples have meet before at my house, but this is the first time they properly introduced themselves huh.

"That's right. Nice to meet you, Nania san."

"The pleasure is mine too. Please, just call me Nania."

"Then please call me Angela, or Anne."

After these girls finished introducing themselves, we all help ourselves inside. Since there are only 4 chairs, Sati stand behind me.

"We've got something to tell you, Nania san."

"Oh, the story from before..."

"No, today is a different topic."

Well, it might not be a completely different topic though.

"Then what is it?"

Come on Masaru, say it! Is the feeling that I've got from everyone.

It can't be helped. Where should I show my manliness, if not here.

"I, Yamano Masaru, is reporting to Nania san, that I'm going to marry Elizabeth!"

"Eh...what!? Certainly, Masaru is a nice man...but...are you serious about this,

Eri?"

"True. After this mission is done, we're going to hold the ceremony at Siory town. And during the celebration, you will see both of us stepping up to the aisle."

"Then I'll come to Masaru dono party and celebrate together."

"No. I don't want you to be with me, when I'm enjoying life with Masaru. You want to congratulate us, the newlywed? Don't bother. You better move to the countryside with Olba, and start a new life with him."

"But!"

"You should consider it too. I'll be happy with Masaru after this. Sati will take care of my personal belongings. I don't need Nania anymore."

"Eri...but I already swore an oath with my father. I promise that I'll protect Eri, as long as this soul still resides in my body."

"From now on, Masaru will take over that role. I hope that you will be happy together with Olba."

"I won't allow it! There's no way Masaru dono is capable of that!"

Did you seriously say that? Nania san can say cruel thing too sometimes.

"Even if Masaru looks like this, he is actually pretty strong."

"Stronger than me?"

"That's a given!"

Is something going wrong with the clouds today?

Nania san is staring at me. Urgh, I don't like that look...

"Then Masaru dono, please have a match with me. If I win, then you must allow me to enter your party."

"That's fine. But if Nania lose, then she need to move to the countryside with Olba, and start farming."

Oi, wait a minute, Elizabeth.

"I'm alright with that."

No, this is not good! I won't approve this!

You said that we're going to persuade her. Why do I need to battle now!

"They're only using wooden swords, so it's fine, I think..."

"I'll not accept it if you're not fighting seriously. Of course, you can use whatever magic that you want too."

Vale tudo, a battle where anything goes...

(Oi, do you know how strong is Nania san?)

I put my face close to Elizabeth and whispered to her.

(She is weaker than Olba.)

(You don't know, isn't it?)

(You can say that she is Olba sparring partner?)

(Isn't that pretty strong?)

(Of course, Nania is strong!)

(Then what should we do if I lose?)

(You must win. Don't you want to marry me!?)

(Of course I do, still.)

(Then, win. Even if you lose, we can still think of other strategy.) Maybe we can ask Sati in case I lose. Sati swordsmanship should be the highest among us. Yeah, we can go towards that direction too. It's not like the sole responsibility to protect Elizabeth is under my hand. Plus, Sati is in the same party member with us.

Alas, it's truly miserable for a guy to lose though, especially in the fight to gain her lover like this.

(Alright, I'll do it.)

I raise my face, and tell Nania san head on.

"Have you guys finished discussing?"

"Yeah. Let's do this."

"There's a training ground behind the guild. Let's have our match there."

"I need to prepare something. Can we meet there after 1 hour?"

"Understood."

First of all, I'll meet Olba san. I immediately go to the next room and explained the situation to him.

"I've got it. I'll tell you Nania weak points."

"How is the prosthetic leg, Olba san."

"I can already walk using this. It's hard to do any battle, but teaching swordplay will be alright."

Olba san walked around the room just fine.

"I don't have time to explain it all now, so let's talk while going there. Nania weakness is—"

To put it simply, Nania san is a master of Knight style swordsmanship.

The knight usually boost a massive defense, with their full plate armor and their large shield, and then striking while defending without leaving any gap. Pg. 172

However, Nania san is not wearing a full plate armor that a knight usually does, instead she wears a half plate armor. This is because she prioritized speed more. Even her shield is small, like a buckler. The reason for her style is because in Dawn's, there is already a tanker, Leuven san, therefore she focused in offensive instead.

"She is very good with her shield too. I can vouch for that."

That's what Leuven san said before.

What should I do now?

"Air Hammer...?"

"She has practiced it herself before. She said that now she is capable of dodging them."

Right, Elizabeth!

I remember that she mentions this sometimes ago. Elizabeth san, looks at what happen now...

"Is she using any kind of special shield? Something that can withstand, for example, thunder?"

"Her shield is specialized for magic defense, especially from thunder strike. Since Elizabeth rely on her for defense all the time, she decided to get one of that kind."

This is bad. I thought my trump card, giving the sword thunder attribute, will make this simpler...I guess there is no way for me to finish this with Thunder God technique alone.

If it's level 2 then maybe it will not be enough for this battle. I can't avoid from casting at least a level 3 magic. I wonder if there is something that I can do...

Should I rely on the Thunder God sword technique? As long that she didn't block it with her shield, it should be okay. The effect is quite good, and I have practice it before too. Based on the skill ranking, it should place as a level 2 magic.

There is an option where I can levitate myself, and attack her from above.

But right now, I'm only capable of using a bow and throwing knife only. That is not enough to defeat Nania san.

I don't have any Boulder left in my Item box, plus if it hits Nania san then she might die. Fighting by dropping stuff from above...there's no way I'll step that low.

Opsie, whatever it is, I should increase my physical strength to level 3 first. Now I only have 1P left. Raising all my magic to high level is good and all, but then again, I should have left some extra points in the future, just in case.

On the way to the training ground, I think about what tactic I'm going to use.

"I'll be your sparring partner. Let's see what you got first."

Leuven san get ready with his sword and shield.

"You're not injured anymore, right?"

"Ah, I've been resting for 5 days straight now. I'm still not completely recovered, but this much is fine. Please come at me seriously."

I have not much time. I'll be serious from the get go. He is wearing a full plate armor anyways.

I shot him some of my magic. However, he managed to block most of it, as expected. After some time, Olba san stopped us.

"You've got skills. I'm sure that you can put a good fight against Nania. But without a sword, it will be tough.

"Then I will fight a melee combat with her. That should be fine, right?"

"Hmm, that should work better."

"What's left is to cover my attack with magic occasionally."

"Yes, maybe that's the only way."

"Please wait, I'm going to equip something. Leuven san, can you lend me that shield?"

"Ah, that's fine."

It's quite a dirty tactics, going for her head. Since she is good with her shield, it should be fine.

A surprise attack sounds good too.

Alright, I need to hurry.

I get can all the materials if I go to the guild now, I think. But I still need to find the storage...shit, at this rate, this is going to take more than 2 hours. *need revision pg. 175*

Nice timing, I found Sergeant dono discussing with one of the guild staff.

"Sergeant dono! This is an emergency. Can you show me the way to material storage?"

"What happened?"

"Actually..."

I quickly explained to him the situation, including my match.

"Okay. I've heard about their situation too. I'll cooperate with you as well. The material storage is here."

I thought that Sergeant dono might stop this match, unfortunately this is not the case.

Maybe he thinks that the match won't escalated into something worse, that's why he is so calm. I'm sure will be happy if he intervened with the match though.

House brick, metal sheet and 10 types of sword. Alright, all the goods are here.

Next, this metal sheet will...

"My preparation is complete. I'm going back to the training ground."

I return back to the training ground. There is 30 minutes left.

"I'm ready."

I said so to Olba san.

"Then, let's continue."

Over this 30 minutes, he told me all Nania san special moves, and teach me some feints. At least, this is better than nothing.

Soon after, Nania san appeared at the training ground.

Our eyes meet.

"I see, even Olba is on that side...I've got it. Fine then, I will not hold back."

"Hahaha, you see...I love you so much. That's why it can't be helped."

"That enough. If I defeat Masaru dono now, then I'll be with Elizabeth, forever. That's why, please be prepared."

*clanking sound*

Why are you getting more determined now!? That is bad for my heart, you know!!

"Do your best, Masaru. My happiness rest in your shoulder now."

"That's right. if you managed to defeat Nania here, then everyone will reach a

happy end!!”

“To the ring, please.”

“I will be the referee.”

Said Sergeant dono.

Wait a moment, please!

My mind is not ready yet!

“3 minutes! Please, just give me 3 minutes more!!”

Of course, everyone give me those looks...

# Chapter 11 ~ Duel

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In the end, they let me take an extra 3 minutes to get ready. Pg. 178

I'm heading towards the ring, same as Nania san.

Right now, Nania san is directing her killing intent to me. Scary. The fact that her sword and shield are equipped is making me more nervous. I've got a feeling that she will kill me for real...

"Both sides, here."

The distance between us is about 10 meters. In this distance, it is possible for her to charge towards me and end it in single strike. Secretly, I activated my magic on the iron plate that I've already prepared beforehand under my feet. Alright, it's a success.

The truth is I already prepared an iron plate under my shoes.

Before our match started, I make sure to enchant the plate beforehand. I enchanted it with lightning attribute. I called it Thunder Ball.

The effect of this magic should last longer than 10 minutes. Nania san boot is made of metal. If I hit it, then I'll managed to shock her. As for myself, I don't need to worry about getting electrocuted because my boot sole is thick, therefore it's insulated well. Furthermore, this training ground is consisted of soils, so there's no way for her to notice it from my footsteps alone. She might know that I have some magic up my sleeve, but for her to know my exact plan, even I think that is impossible.

I already drawn my sword, and am now in my battle stance. I can see that there are many other adventurers at the side, watching our battle.

"Battle start!"

First, I'll cast a small-scale magic, Air Hammer. This magic is invisible, so even though she knows it's coming, there's no way she can avoid it easily. I'm throwing out 10 at one time, if even one hit, then it's fine. Pg.179

Even though Silva san managed to withstand it, there's no way that Nania san, who is lighter build, can withstand such impact.

### 【Air Hammer】 Shoot!

Shit, she evaded it. And the onlookers at the behind were blown away instead.

"Oi, that guy is a wizard! We need to get away from here now!"

The spectators behind start spreading around. Some of them took out their shield.

"I applaud your efforts, but it's in vain. I can dodge it, even if I can't see it."

But, what if it's a simultaneous hit?

While I'm approaching her slowly, I navigate all the Air Hammers that I have to hit her in specific points. My chanting speed has been reduced by 50%, so it should be harder to detect. I did it in one breath. I can see that some people were blown away from time to time, but I didn't pay attention to that. My mind is too occupied with this fight.

In the end, I managed to hit her by the fifth hit. I don't know if she didn't expect the Air Hammer to hit there, or that she simply can't avoid it.

But the shot was blocked by her shield, and she is not blown away. I see, it really is impossible to make a direct hit, unless I managed to shake off that shield from her.

But now she has stopped moving. Here!

I shoot another batch of Air Hammer, but it seems that I'm taking too much of time. She avoided my hammer, and this time she went and clashed her sword with mine.

If it's like this, then how about you taste this! The zero distance Air Hammer!

She managed to deflect it with her shield, but I can see that she loses her balance in that instance. Therefore, there is no counterattack made by her. She hastily jumped back ward and create some distance between us.

She is tough.

"Why don't you stop? Don't you know that I'm strong?"

Based on this, I can really say that she is strong enough to protect Elizabeth. At this moment, I'm the one being pushed.

"This might sound rude of me, but at this level, there's no way I can entrust Ellie to you. If you really want Ellie, then it would do best for you to defeat me right now."

Is she saying that I'm not worthy of Elizabeth!?

"Come, our idle talk is over. Now, die!"

She is consumed with anger now, this person!

She comes attacking right after she said that.

Air...no good! She is too fast!

I frantically block and parried her attacks using my shield and my sword. Like this, I can't even use Air Hammer, let alone the Thunder God that I have prepared at my legs. This woman, she's finally serious now!

One, two, three blows total managed to graze my body. Although I'm wearing my armor, I still can feel it right on my flesh.

Based on this, I know that one clean hit from her and I might get knocked out. She just need to land one more hit. This is bad.

If I make even a single mistake in my moves, then she will surely manage to hit me.

She might be fast, but not as fast as Sergeant dono, therefore I'm able to keep up with her. But that doesn't mean that she is any way inferior!

Using a single attacking magic is not enough. Then I'll varies it!

The construction bricks that I have stored earlier, I shoot them towards Nania san. I'm sure she will need to retreat from this barrage of bricks...retreat...she's not! Then I'll continue to attack her like this.

While I keep on barraging her with the bricks, she unexpectedly dodges all of it and close our gap within a short second.

Nania san sword approached me. There is no way for me to avoid this, isn't

it!?

I was torn down deeply with a sword around my side.

My leg stops because of the extreme pain. She's continuing her barrage of attacks.

Kuh, I need to avoid it...will I be able to make it on time!?

I managed to dodge it by a hair breadth. It seems like the last brick that I've thrown to her hit her head, and now she is wobbling.

【Levitation】Activate !

While activating Levitation, I kicked the ground simultaneously, to add the upward force, thus I manage to distance ourselves at once. I grit myself to retain the pain, and soar towards the sky.

Damn, it hurts. My concentration was disturbed by the intense pain, and now my magic is wavering. Even my levitation is unstable right now. Nania san, she can't fly, right? It will be over now if she can somehow chase me like this.

"Bastard! Come down here and face me square off, you damn coward!"

Confirm that she can't fly. One weakness found.

The armor at my torso is completely torn up now. I can feel a warm liquid at my side. I need to treat this fast, but invoking another magic while still levitating is impossible for me. I took out potion from my pocket and drinks it. Based on my past experience, I always put one potion in a place that I can easily retrieve, for safety measure.

Even after drinking the potion, I can feel that pain is still lingering in my body. Nania san blow just now was not light at all. Thinking that the next potion will only activate after 30 minutes, I'm glad that the injuries is not fatal.....

This potion is so inconvenient, though.

I rise further up, until Nania san and the rest of the spectators looks as small as a bean.

Start chanting 【Heal】—— Dispel Levitation——

Continue casting while falling down...

【Heal】activate!

Because my Levitation is gone, I started falling down steadily. Alas, the pain is finally gone and I can breathe normally again.

But what should I do now?

No matter what, I need to make sure that my Thunder God is in contact with her. But from our encounter just now, I can say that it is easier said than done. Perhaps, if I can rob her of her sword somehow...

Trying to find any opportunity with her guard up will not be easy...I kept on thinking while I'm falling.

Eh? Is that a bow that she is holding...? Oh shit, she is firing!

Luckily, the arrow missed me. But she quickly readying to shot another arrow.

This is bad, I tried to recast the Levitation, but at this rate, I might not be able to dodge it. This time it is unavoidable. I dispel the Levitation, and begun to fall again. Just as when the arrow's going to hit me, I tried to spin my body sideward, and the arrow only graze the edge of my head.

【Fly】activate! I will avoid the arrow by increasing my flying speed. Because of change in my trajectory and my speed, I can see that she has given up on using her bow. I slowly descend on the ground.

"Masaru dono, why don't you just give up?"

Saying that, she slowly closes the gap between us.

"If you surrender now, then you can avoid from feeling pain, you know?"

Me too. I would like to give in right now if it is possible. In fact, I would gladly do it.

The injuries that you inflicted at the side of my torso still hurts till now. However...

I give a glance at the spectator's side. There, I can see Angela and Sati is watching me. She is crying now, together with Sati. Looking at that, there's no way I can afford to show any unsightly behaviour anymore.

Nania san is also looking at the same place.

"It's not like that choice is an option for me, so what can I do?"

While we're having a conversation, I activate Regen. She might have noticed it, but seeing that nothing happened, she continues to respond to my conversation smugly. While I'm regenerating, I can get the effect of small heal, but only for small amount of time. Even if I'm attacked at this time, the damage will be recovered.

"That's right. I'll settle this right now. I hope after that, there will be no more issue. Fair warning, this will hurt."

She still didn't make her move from just now.

I remember my the thing from back then with Lazard san. He has those killer single blow strike.

My physical strength increase considerably now after I increased Strength to level 3. There's no way that Nania san is as powerful as Silva san, who has a good physique.

I'll release some more Air Hammer to distract her.

In the meantime, I close our gap and released a powerful blow directly to her.

However, she managed to block my strike with her shield completely, and released a counterattack.

Although my injuries were already healed, the barrage of strikes by her are unavoidable to me, thus the new injuries. Thanks to Regen, the injuries only last for seconds.

...Wrong. Lazard san move were not like this.

Harder, quicker!

Without any magic and shield, I should grasp the sword with both of my hands and strike.

I take her counterattack head on. I'm steadily holding my ground, parrying only the fatal attacks and left the others.

Amidst our full power attack, I notice that our position gradually become equal.

What happened? Why is this happening...I see, her stamina!

In the past few days, Nania san has been actively participating in defense alongside others. No wonders her stamina is exhausted by now!

Even though my attacks never hit, it's obvious that her movement is getting dull. I did not realize it because as for me, my stamina is still good and my breathing is not ragged yet.

But my Regen should be expired soon. I don't know how many attacks I can withstand more.

Although there is no serious damage beside the one in my side, it still hurts like hell. I continue attacking while screaming.



It's painful just to breath now. My arms too, can no longer support my sword. I can't move as good as previously now. I wonder just how long can I held up...

After much patience, the chance finally arrived.

Nania san, unable to withstand my strikes anymore, was forced to support her shield with both of her hands.

I applied more pressure at the last minute. Then I move forward and step one of my foot on top of hers.

*bashi bashi* can be heard from her metal boots.

The electric shock went through! Nania san body started to shake and after much trembling, she finally drops down.

With this, the match...no, not yet. I can see in Nania san eyes that she has not given up yet. Looks like she just went out for a second from the electric shock.

Without wasting anymore time, I quickly chant the next batch of Air Hammer.

Nania san, who noticed that I've start casting, retreats slightly and hold her shield in front. However, she is too slow. I can see that she is still staggering. Furthermore, there's no way she is able to withstand this one with the distance between us is so close, plus the fact that she just got electrocuted.

I concentrate more magical power. Right after I feel that my Air Hammer is strong enough, I activate it.

“Air Hammer!!”

A mass of air that carries the magical power of movement, a powerful storm attacks Nania san.

The impact from the clash of the shield and the gust of wind makes a shrill sound.

Although she managed to block the blow with her shield, it seems that the blow is too strong, as she was send flying until the spectator's place. Some people get caught in it and got taken down together.

The spectators move away slightly when I'm passing through. As for her, a

bunch of spectators were circling around her.

Nania san, who already fell on the ground, still tried to raise herself with her sword and shield. However, it seems like she already lost her energy due to the damage inflicted by the Air Hammer, and unable to get up.

“That’s it...this is my win.”

I dropped my sword, and said this. Right at this instant, cheers come from the surrounding spectators.

It’s getting harder for me to breath. After I relaxed my body, I can feel all the pain at once. It feels so painful that I might collapsed on the spot.

“Not yet...I still can fight...”

“The winner is Masaru!!”

Sergeant dono as the judge declared it loudly.

“Masaru! Ah, your body is messed up! I’ll cure you right now.”

Sati and Angela come over to my side. Elizabeth went and see Nania san.

My wound closed up after Angela cast Heal. After 3 more heals, I can feel that my body is getting lighter.

My breath finally return to normal.

I’m thankful that this world has magic. Back at Japan, I’m sure that this degree of injuries is enough to make me hospitalized for a while.

Nania san who finally managed to get up, comes to me with Elizabeth.

“What’s the deal with the attack just now, Masaru dono. It feels like I got electrocuted when you stomped your foot on mine.”

“This.”

I showed her the back of my boots.

“I changed this metal plate attribute to thunder with my Thunder God skill. I’m sorry, the shock might be too strong.”

“So, this is the magic that you have prepared from the start...No, I admit it, this is my complete defeat. Even without this lightning strike, the vorpal gust

from before will still defeat me. You already win by that time.”

After saying that, she turned to face Elizabeth who is standing next to me and kneel.

“Elizabeth sama, I’ve lost. I could no longer keep my oath as your knight. Oh, just how should I apologize to you, late father...”?

“It’s really okay, you know. It’s been 4 years since we’ve become adventurers. You have help me plenty till now. I’m sure that Walt will praise all your efforts.”

“That doesn’t matter! I already promised you that I’ll keep protecting you forever!”

“From now on, Masaru will protect me in your place.”

Nania san face looks like she will cry anytime now. She looks at me who is beside Elizabeth, and looks again at Elizabeth.

“Me...is it because I’m weak that you don’t need me anymore?”

“You’re wrong. Masaru is just lucky that he managed to win. Nania is not weak at the slightest. Hey Nania, both of us have been together from when we’re a kids, right?”

“Yes. Ellie when she was still a kid was very cute. I’m very happy that you got attached to me right away.”

“I’m glad when I’ve got a knight dedicated exclusively for myself. Even right now I still want to stay together with you.”

“Then!”

“But what about Olba? Don’t tell me, that you’re going to stay with me forever, until you become an old woman?”

“Even that, I still...”

“You can’t. That alone, I will never allow it. I want you to be happy Nania. Don’t you love Olba?”

“If it’s for Ellie’s sake, then I’ll give up on that love. I’ll gladly give it up.”

“...Hey Olba, now is your turn to speak up.”

“Nania...I love you. Didn’t you said that you love me too?”

“I, I also love you so much, Olba. But still...”

“Olba already retired from being an adventurer. Nania can quite her knight duty too now.”

“I am...I...”

“This is my last command to you. I hereby declared that your escort mission end with this fight. In the future, please do your best alongside Olba. I wish you the best.”

“Ellie...Elizabeth sama...”

“It’s not like this is the final time we’re going to see each other. We’re still going to meet at times. I’m going to be happy with Masaru. That’s why I want Nania to be happy too.”

“Th-thank you very much, Elizabeth sama...”

“Here, don’t cry so much. Your beautiful face is ruined.”

“Ellie is crying too, isn’t she?”

“Not really. I’m fine now. Come on stand up.”

Elizabeth hold her hand and help her stand up.

“Here.’

Then she pushes Nania san towards Olba san.

“Olba, I won’t forgive you if you don’t make Nania happy.”

“I’m not a knight, therefore I’ll swear with my axe. I’ll protect Nania for the rest of my life and makes her happy.”

After that he hugged Nania san.

“Olba...”

“Therefore, will you follow me, Nania?”

“Yes. If it’s okay with you...”

People surrounding us start clapping, cheers and words of congratulations can

be heard nearby.

“Congratulations.” “Congratulations.” “Congratulations.”

That's right. There are still people nearby and they witness it all.

Olba san thanks all the surrounding people that are congratulating them as a couple. Nania san rested her face on his shoulder and he looks a bit embarrassed.

Really, I'm glad that everything turn out well at the end. It was worth it getting painfully stared by her earlier on.

However, not everyone benefitted from this good ending.

“Wow, the match just now was good.” “*nod* Yeah.” “But this battle is quite...” “Yeah, I did not expect that guy to have that much fight in him.” “Isn't he the infamous Rabbit Hunter?” “ What do you mean?” “He is an adventurer specialize in hunting Wild Rabbit.” “How can such person be so skilled in a match?”

“I saw him before, treating people at the shrine clinic.” “ I saw him shoots fire magic before.”

“*chatter* I heard that he was directly involve in the restoring of the second wall.” “*chatter* use Earth magic to create boulders, and used it to destroys enemy's ladders.”

All these testimonies keep jumping out one after another.

Eh~? Why are they shifting the topic towards me all of a sudden?

“Just now he said that he can use an attribute change magic, the Thunder God. He can also use Fly and Air Hammer.”

“That's mean he can use almost all attributes? Plus, he is also quite good in swordsmanship?”

“Yea, that much is his abilities. But I've never heard that kind of name before, something like Masaru.”

“I heard that name before. It seems that he played a crucial role in killing the dragon from before.” Pg. 193

“Is he a high-ranking adventurer that came from the Empire?”

They keep talking about me, and sometimes take a glance at my face.

I hope you guys will stop this soon...

I spontaneously activate covert, but it is meaningless in this distance. Then one of the adventurers throw me a question.

“Excuse me. Can I know what rank is Masaru dono right now?”

“Um, that’s...D rank.”

“D rank? From the way, you fought just now, I won’t be surprised if you said that you are at least B rank.”

“Nania is already a B rank adventurer. That’s why it’s amazing that you can keep up with such a high rank adventurer, Masaru.”

Elizabeth explained the situation to me.

“Of course, your skill is not inferior from those of a B rank adventurer. If the battle just now was taken for evaluation, then it might be possible for you to rank up.”

This time, Sergeant dono said that.

Well that is to be expected. I kind of regretted my action now. Even though I decided to make myself inconspicuous.

But is there other reason for this?

These magics, Heal, Fire, Earth and the one I used in this fight, there’s no way I could pass through the situation if I wasn’t using it. Or perhaps, there are some other ways for me to go unnoticed, even if I’m going all out. I don’t know, maybe.

After awhile, all the adventurers around start to scatter. Hmm, maybe they are convinced with my reasoning just now. Lucky.

“Good job, Masaru.”

“Yeah. I give my best today, for the sake of both Elizabeth and Nania san.”

“You were so cool just now, Masaru sama!”

"Ah I see, I see."

"No, seriously, you were amazing just now Masaru. Everyone can vouch for that."

"Especially the last attack that you released in the end. Well, you might want to imitate my move from our previous encounter, but even I think that the move suits you."

"But I can see that you're desperately attacking while ignoring your defense. I think it would do you better if you learn how to dodge like Sergeant dono."

"Well, Masaru is still young. He still has time to explore which style he finds the most fitting."

"Yes, Sergeant dono."

Then Olba san and Nania san come over.

"Masaru, I would like to give my upmost thanks to you for doing this."

Olba san told me so and grabbed my hand.

"Masaru dono, please take care of Elizabeth sama from now on."

"Roger. Leave it to me."

"Next, um, just now during our battle, um..."

Ah, you tell me that just now, asking me to die. You even come seriously at me. The cut that you made at my side was really painful, but since it's a battle, it can't be helped.

It's still painful though!

"It's okay. We're are in a battle just now, so some overkill can't be helped. Un, it's fine though, I don't mind."

A bit of blood spills is to be expected in any match. But I do feel sorry though for slamming her directly against the Air Hammer.

"If you said so."

Her face looks relieved. Then she looks at Elizabeth.

"Ellie, do you think that late father will ever forgive me, for doing this?"

"Are you stupid? Tell me, is there any father that don't wish for their daughter happiness? After this, do yourself a favor and visit their grave. I'm sure they will be delighted to hear this news."

"Yes."

"Hey, why are you crying again now. such a crybaby."

She embraced Nania san.

"Ellie, *sob* Ellie...I really don't want to part with you. I want us to stay together..."

"Me too. But from now on, you will have Olba. Just think of him as the second me, Nania."

"Ellie..."

"Nania...thank you for protecting me until now. Thank you for staying with me. Even after my father has collapsed, and us being adventurer, you are the only one that kept staying with me till the end. There's no way I can repay your kindness. Really, I feel grateful from the bottom of my heart."

That said, they hugged each other once more for a while.

# Chapter 12 ~ Revelation

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That day, Elizabeth return to Guild dormitory together with Nania san.

I guess they need some quality time together, before they separate. As for me, I still feel dizzy due to all the blood that I lost from the fight. I already have the wound treated though.

"You need to lay low for this 3 days."

That's what Angela told me.

Tomorrow, they will start recapturing the first wall. If everything goes nicely, then repairing works can start tomorrow. She said that it's fine for me to use magic as long as I'm not straining my body, so if proceeded leisurely, then it should be alright.

According to the story that I've heard earlier, there are no more attempt to retake the wall from the monster side, since the arrival of the Kingdom army. There is even a rumor saying that all of the monster has given up and now running back to their base.

Sati and Angela were taking care of me while we are resting in our room.

I was given a break from my job treating the people at the clinic, under the pretense that I'm not feeling well.

Angela returns to the clinic from time to time, but since Sati is staying here until I'm fully recovered, it's okay.

Sati is currently level 24 now. Since her skills points also increases, I'm feeling quite happy.

Her basic stats also grow considerably. Except for her MP of course.

Sati Level 24 Skill 14P

Covert level 3      Stealthy Steps level 2      4

Smell Detection level 3      Sturdy      Hawk Eyes

Mind Eyes      Physical Reinforcement level 4      Agility level 4

Evasion level 4      Shield level 2      Swordsmanship level 5

Archery level 5

“Sati, how are you feeling right now?”

I asked her when Angela is not around.

“It feels nice. I can feel that my movement speed has increased.”

Of course, since I have increased her Agility to level 4.

“Do you want to practice magic soon? It might be impossible to use offensive magic, but if it’s a simple magic like cleaning magic and ignition magic, then I’m sure that you will be able to use it at no times.”

“Is it true? Then I want to practice it now!”

Sati leaned over and give me those hoping looks. I know, since last time, that she is envious that people surrounding her are capable of magic.

I allocate 1P for life magic.

With this, she can use Ignition, create water, cleaning magic and light. As for the remaining 13P, I’ll decide after I consult with her more.

“Hear. Currently, Sati magical power reserve is still small. If you overuse your magic, then you might collapse. That’s why please be careful when you’re using it, okay?”

“Okay.”

“For starter, think about creating a light in your head. You should be able to use it soon after that.”

“Understood!”

Sati thought for a moment, and raise her hands up. By using my magical

sense, I can see that Sati magical power is gathered at her hands. Soon after, the Light was activated.

“I did it! I really did it, Masaru sama!”

“Good Sati, you’re amazing!”

Sati takes a look at the light that she created, and her face shines with happiness.

“If I look at it too much, then my eyes get hurt.”

“Still, this is amazing! In my village, nobody ever get to do this before.”

Perhaps the other beastmens are not capable of magic like Sati too.

“Don’t show it to other people, Sati.”

“Yes, but this is...all thanks to Masaru sama power, right?”

“Yeah, that’s the case. Well I’ll tell you now, that I tried hard to let the person teach me this method.”

Now Tilika chan...I’ll think how to deal with her later. I don’t think Sati will carelessly blab about this to anyone, including her.

“Yes.”

“Well then, why don’t you try the others?”

We moved to bathroom, and tried cleaning magic, ignition and create water. Then she collapsed, as expected huh. But I’m sure that her total MP will increase from now on.

When I brought the fainted Sati to the bed, I saw Angela enters our room.

“What’s wrong?”

“I taught Sati how to use magic, but halfway through, she collapsed.”

“Of course, there’s no way in heaven that a people Beastmens race is capable of using magic.”

At first, I thought the same thing too. But as her level gradually increases, I noticed that her MP also increases, somewhat.

“Is that so?”

"Wait a sec...just now you said she collapsed because of using too much magic. But isn't it impossible for a beastmens to use magic because of their lacks of magical power? When did she collapsed?"

"Ah, yes. I think it was just now, when she used cleaning magic."

"This is weird. Has she practiced before this? Sati never said anything to me before..."

"Maybe she just practiced, you know..."

Crap, how should I explained this to Angela.

"I taught you for a while ago too, right."

"Yeah that's right."

"Actually, I...I have something to ask you now, Masaru."

"Ah, okay. I'll try to answer it."

At this rate, I can't hide it anymore.

"Just how actually you teach Sati?"

I confirmed again Angela stats. Her current level is 4. Skills 20P.

Angela Level 4 Skill 20P

Cooking Level 3

Housework Level 2

Cudgel Martial Art  
level 1

Magical Sensing Level  
1

Recovery Magic Level  
3

Water Magic Level 2

"I've asked you before, if there's anything that you would like to improve."

"Well, I would like to increase my magical power reserve, and also increase my healing technique."

"Say, if I can do it now, would you like for me to do it?"

"You really can do it?"

"You won't tell anyone about it, right?"

“I promise.”

“Yes, I can.”

“...serious?”

“Yes, I can do it. That’s what I always do to Sati and even myself.”

“Then I want you to tell me, just how exactly you do it.”

I open Angela menu, and increase her Recovery magic to level 4.

“I already made it so it’s possible for you to use a higher recovery magic. You should be able to use it now.”

“Really...like seriously...but this...”

“Next, I will increase your magical power reserve, and your magical power usage rate.”

Now that I’ve done it, I better see it through till the end.

“O-okay.”

I increase both the Magical Power Boost and MP resilience to level 2. Only 2P remains now.

Angela Level 4 Skill 2P

Cooking Level 3	Housework Level 2	Cudgel Martial Art level 1
Magical Sensing Level 1	Recovery Magic Level 4	Water Magic Level 2
Magical Power Enhancement level 2	MP Usage Reduction level 2	

“With this, the amount of your magical power should have been doubled. Because the increased amounts depend on your basic stats, it will keep increasing by time to time.”

“I don’t feel any changes, though...”

"That's right. If you want to know the limits of your magical power, you need to try it first."

"Hey, just what is happening right now?"

What should I do now? Somehow, I've done all this in the spur of the moment.

"Ah, don't take it the wrong way, okay. It's not like I'm not grateful to you now that you enable me to use more magic. It's just that I wondered how are you able to do all this."

"I can tell you, but you need to promise that you will never tell others, ever."

Just how much must I tell her now, I wonder.

"I understand. I promise not to tell anyone about this."

I'm sure that Angela will believe me. Her loyalty value has steadily gone up now, so it makes me feel easier to tell her about myself.

I already ask her to keep this a secret. I'm sure that she won't easily tell others.

"It was the help from God. Basically, my power is to remember any skills."

Angela mouth wide open as she is gaping at me.

Yes, that's right. even though I'm not sure if it's truly a God or other being.

Should I explain it in the way easier for her to understand...doesn't matter, Angela keep on listening anyway.

"Masaru...is Masaru truly a hero sama?"

"No! You got it wrong! I'm just here to defeat the Devil king, so!?"

"Since start, you're undeniably strong for someone who just started. But to think that this is all thanks to God power..."

"When God gave me this power, she said that there is no need for me to do anything else. She told me to live as I wanted. That's why I'm not a hero."

"Then, Masaru is an Apostle, isn't he...?"

"What is an apostle?"

"The head priest said that sometimes God will send an Apostle to this world. Some apostles have a role to defeat the Demon king, some of them were sent here to spread new knowledge. There's also a case where someone was sent here just as observer."

"Heeh~ I thought that a hero is like someone who are always described in the book. I never thought that there will be other types too."

"Yeah. This information is still classified within the shrine though. Even I just know of this recently."

"But seriously don't tell anyone about this, okay? You know right, about the ending of the Hero from the books that you lent me before."

"I wonder if things like that happen in real life..."

"That will definitely happen, I'm sure."

"But what should I do now...Head Priest sama..."

"What's with Head Priest?"

"He told me before that Masaru might be an Apostle."

"EEEEH!?"

"What should I do now. Priest sama has a very sharp intuition. Plus, he is already suspicious of you as a candidate of apostle. What should I do if he asks me for a report then."

Angela face start turning pale.

"Because they are suspecting Masaru as a candidate for the apostle, they ask me to look and observe the situation. Since they won't get angry for me to be with Masaru and stay at your house, I thought it was convenient to me. I never thought that you will turn out to be a real apostle..."

Angela looks like she will cry any moment now.

"If this goes out, then it will be bad. Wh-what should I do now. Want to run away now? If the shrine found out that you're really an apostle, then things will go bad for sure..."

Angela starts to panic, but me myself is rather calm.

If we run away now, then we will appear more suspicious.

“Since when have you been told to keep observing me?”

“It was after a few days after Masaru went and consult with Head Priest sama.”

That is right after I start a relationship with Angela.

Ah, that time!

When Priest sama ask me about a whole lot of thing!

Was it bad when I ask him about the Devil and the destruction of this world.  
Crap, what should I do now.

“What did Head Priest sama actually told you?”

“Although you might be an apostle, the possibility is quite low. Just in case, he sent me to observe you. If he keeps his identity as an apostle, then we must keep watching them. If it’s already proven that he is an apostle, whether it is front upfront or secretly at the back, the shrine will give full support.”

“Full support...”

“Did Masaru come here from other world as a hero?”

“Eh? But the hero from the book never mentions himself coming from another world, didn’t he?”

“Yeah. This is another story that was passed through within the shrine.”

Really. So, the previous hero was also summoned from the other world like me.

“I also come from a different world than here.”

“You’re not a hero, right? If that’s the case, then why did you come to this world?”

“It was that time when I was looking for a job. Not long after, I found this job offering me some good salary. But in the description though, it was said that I will be brought here in the other world, given some abilities and some miscellaneous tasks by the God.”

“So, what exactly is Masaru ability? To give yourself or another people skill?”

“Well primarily that is my ability. But I also have another, like a boosted stat.”

“So, that’s the actual reason why you have mastered a lot of magics...”

“Angela can also learn a lot more if you managed to collect more points form the battles.”

“Really? Even just now, for me to be able to master a magic without practicing is already amazing.”

“Even Sati did the same thing.”

“I see, even Sati’s growth is also thanks for this. Does Sati know about this?”

“She knows that I’m the one that help her increase her ability, but I never mention about God or the fact that I’m from another world yet.”

“I see. So right now, I’m the only one that knows your real situation.”

“Can you keep this a secret from Head Priest sama?”

“But he is the Head Priest you know. I don’t want to lie to him, so if he is pressing for this issue, then there’s no way I can keep this matter hidden, even if I were to omit some of the important details...”

I can understand you feeling. If I’m to lie towards such a kind person, then I’ll feel bad myself too for sure.

“Is there any ways for you to tell him, without exposing my identity?”

“I don’t know. I feel like keeping my mouth shut for this, but I’m not sure. I can’t guarantee that I can keep this secret if I were asked to report to him now...”

“Then is there any ways for me to bribe you, Angela?”

“I’m sorry. There is no way a priest like me to lie or to keep something hidden when asked for a report. Maybe we should run away after all...”

“No can do. They will be more suspicious if we suddenly run away.”

“Th-that’s right too...”

But this really is a big trouble. I never thought that they will suspect me as

one of the God apostle. And they are suspecting me, without showing any change of attitudes some more.

"Say, if the suspect decides to hide the fact that he is an apostle, then the shrine will continue to monitor him, right?"

"Yeah."

"I'm not really a hero. Because I was given this ability, I'm afraid that it will cause an uproar if this was made a public. Is it possible to keep silent if you report it like that?"

"Yes, this might do. Maybe I can use this method."

Finally, Angela has calmed herself.

"Let's use that excuse. I'm not a real thing. It's not like I'm trying to escape or something." pg. 208

"Yea, I've got it. How about Sati and Elizabeth?"

"I'll tell Sati when the time is suitable. Because she is Tilika chan best friend, it's easier for Tilika chan to detect lies when Sati knows too much. Now what should we do about Elizabeth? I wonder if she's going to get mad, if she knows that I'm keeping this thing a secret from her..."

"I'm sure she'll. She will say something like [Why're you keeping this thing a secret, idiot!?]"

Uwa—. I can easily imagine her saying that. I can literally hear her screaming in my head.

"I'll tell Elizabeth alone next."

"Yea, you should do that. So, what are you going to say to her? Masaru ability to grant skills to people?"

"Whatever it is first I must—"

From the skill acquisition method to point acquisition by level up, my current skills and Satie's skills are explained in order.

"That's really accomplishment, to get till level 5. If it was me then there's no way for me to increase it that much."

"I think it's fine if we leave Sati as being a genius."

"Yea. I think that is fine too."

"That's how I usually explain to other people. Last time, even Head Priest sama noticed and asked me about it."

I don't think that the power of God will ever come to your mind, especially if you're a normal person.

"He is a sharp person. Long time ago, I tried to hide something from him, just to be easily discovered later on."

More like too sharp. I wonder why did he have a suspicion in the first place. If it's because I'm asking about the Demon king, but that is quite a weak reason.

"Yeah. First of all is your aptitude to master a spell. And the method of cooking that you've shown before, it's way otherworldly."

"I wish I paid more attention last time. Elizabeth has also asked me about the method how I manage to have fast mastery before."

"So, how did you mislead her?"

"With that ring. That ring given by God is amazing, I have no idea at all."

I explain to her about the ring.

"I see. No wonder she has been grinning like an idiot since that time. That must be nice."

"I've increased Angela stats too right, albeit by using another method other than the ring."

"The concept behind it is still same. But why are you not raising Elizabeth stats directly?"

"I'm not able to yet. In order for me to raise the other person ability, I need to become more intimate with that person first."

"To become more intimate...you mean...by doing 'that' thing?"

"Yeah. I need to do 'this' thing and 'that' thing first."

The skinship might be an easy parameter for me to determine if the person

trust me or not. Sati is loyal towards me in the first place, that's why we don't need to have skinship before I'm able to alter her stats. After I make love with Angela, her loyalty value also increase by 50.

"Then it might be better for me to keep it silent first. I can tell her after a while, maybe tomorrow."

"No, no, no. we need to keep it longer than that."

"Really? I thought Elizabeth is getting curious about this already?"

"Hey, do you like, always have girls talk together...?"

"I don't usually talk much with other girls. But see here. From this moment, we're going to share Masaru, right?"

I'm glad. It's not like they are sharing to the whole world outside.

"Thinking about it, we did share about embarrassing things. More importantly, I have something that I would like to ask you about."

"Yea?"

"Can I join your party too? I was thinking about it too, when Ellie decided to enter yours."

"Does the shrine permit it?"

"We're getting married soon, so I think the shrine will give me the permission. I've told you before, that I already train 2 girls to become my apprentices. If they did their best, then my spot will be filled by them in no time at all."

Since this is going to increase our battle prowess, I'll gladly accept it.

But if I think about it, our party balance is sort of...

A magic knight, a wizard and an archer huh? Both me and Sati always take the role of people in front, but I wish I could stop doing that soon.

Since Angela is already proficient to use water magic, why don't I increase it to the point where she can single shot a monster from far away. A party that is specialized in the long-distance extermination. Wow, that sound kinda nice.

"I've got it. You're welcome to join us."

"Thank you. Well then, I'll officially join you after we get back at Siory town. But before that, I'm sorry. I always try my best to become a good devotee, but I'll try to persuade Head Priest sama somehow."

"Ah, actually it's okay. I'm sure I'll manage somehow."

It's not that bad actually to get myself exposed. It's just that being labeled as a hero is too much for me.

Then I tell Angela about Japan and how it really different from this world. I also tell her about my future training plan.

In the end, I could not tell her that this world will be destroyed.

The thing about me being an apostle is actually a lie. I was sent here by God to stop this world destruction, 20 years later. That's why I can be considered as a hero. This is the reason that my ability is mainly combat oriented.

Will Angela be angry that I'm keeping this secret from her?

If it's Elizabeth, then I'm sure that she will get angry.

But still, I can't bring myself to talk about it yet.

That this world will be destroyed after 20 years. Or is it better for me to tell them now? Both Angela and Elizabeth are smarter than me. They might be able to come out with a better idea, something that never crossed my mind before.

I'll put this matter on hold first.

There are still 20 years. Plenty of time for us to think about it.

But even after this, I still can take my sweet times planning for whatever that I will do.

There are still 20 years before this world is destroyed.

Unbeknown to me, the prelude of destruction has already begun.

# Chapter 13 ~ Prelude to destruction

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After a complete 2 days vacation, I return back to works. Pg. 213

Just in the short period of time, the army has managed to retake the first wall back. Currently, the army is securing the pathway to the enemy's base outside the wall.

It was said that the monsters quickly run away as soon as the army arrived at their camp. Many adventurers think that this pursuit mission will be easy.

Although we've managed to retake the first wall, the repairing process still can't be done yet. Throughout our long battles since days ago, monster's carcasses have piles up so much that the smell has started to spread...a little cleaning is in order first. The situation is not becoming worse thanks to the incoming winter. If we're in summer, then the situation might get worsen.

The soldiers are collecting all the dead bodies in one place, and incinerate them all. Of course, those which can still be recovered are keep to be process as foods.

As for me, I was cleaning the debris of what used to be a part of the wall. The wall might have a lot of cracks here and there, but it's still recoverable. Soon after the cleaning is done, me and another group of guys will be busy. From what I've seen, they are reliable guys.

After I have recovered all the wall debris, I started a fire and Molten san approached me then.

"Masaru dono, we're likely to start working soon."

We're taken to the biggest hole of the first wall. The wall is cut down to a height of about 1 meter over a width of tens of meters, and the figure of soldiers of the military who creates magnificent nature and obstacle of the demon can be seen well.

This mystical landscape doesn't change much, even compared to the other place.

"Masaru dono, you will close that hole and dig the area around the moat to its original size."

The moat is quite deep. With this size, I guess the width is around 10 meters and the depth might be around 5 meters? However, the part near the hole is already on the same level as the surface. This might be the works of those monsters.

For the time being, I used the land that has filled the moat to repair the wall.

In reality, I just roughly plastered the land at the wall, but it still looks quite nice. Later on, the other Earth mages will come and do the finer details. I don't want to overwork myself, so I make sure that only I keep the clay wall to the size of about 1 meter length, and 2 meters' width. I keep continuing the work for some times. Well if I'm showing that I'm doing some work now, then I can slack off later.

There's a large tent nearby the first wall. People can relax there will sipping their Magi tea.

I wished Sati was here with me. I've done some progress now, therefore I'm taking break.

At this time, Sati must be cooking together with Angela. It's not like there's anything that she can do even if I bring her along, so it's better to leave her with the other women at shrine, so I think while sipping my tea.

"As expected of you. Our work is progressing fast."

Most of the time, the work was done by manpower alone. However, since this time we've helps from magician, shorter repair time is to be expected.

The Earth mages that came along with the Kingdom army are plenty skillful, but they have problem with their MP capacity. They are taking couples of days just to repair a single spot of the wall. Honestly, I want to finish this troublesome task as soon as possible, but because of fear that someone will notice me, I kept it myself. I'm already suspicious of my total MP reserve since beginning, and after Angela confirms it, it seems that my MP is slightly higher even compared to those of high ranking mage.

According to Molten san explanation, the restoration of the castle wall

consists of rough surface as foundation, and then it will be covered with a brick and a stone.

They should have started with the 2<sup>nd</sup> wall that I've repaired earlier on.

I want to keep staring at this handsome vice-captain face, but since the repairing works is in due, it can't be helped.

When I returned, I saw that the part that I've done just now was already been flattened and put stone by the other Earth mages. Then I build another earth wall and plastered it to another hole.

The land that have been filling the moat for a while now have been completely used by me. Since Molten san wants me to remake the moat to be usable again, I will just continue digging here. Maybe I'll dig it until it's 10 meter deep.

But will he allow it, I wonder? I'm just too lazy to ask him.

I know that I didn't ask for permission, but the wall structure won't be affected by this I think.

After half the wall was done, they give us a break to replenish our magical power. Actually, I still have plenty of MP left, but since I didn't make much progress, I decided to take a break anyway. I know that I only need to deepen the moat, but till now, the result is not apparent yet.

Besides, there's no need to be hasty. The monsters are no threat to us anymore.

However, it seems like a trouble take place after I return to the tent. I saw that a messenger rushes to the military army leader, and people start making a racket.

"Did something happen?"

As everyone can see, the demons are not attacking us today. Is it something from within the fort?

"I'll go ask."

Molten san go towards the crowd.

After a short while, Molten san comes back. He's got that serious face with him.

"I get the situation now. It seems that the Transfer mage came from Hilgis, because they're being invaded by monsters right now."

"Hilgis?"

"Correct. It is one of the small countries in the southeast of the kingdom, the eastern part of the Empire, but right now, they are in contact with the demon."

Hilgis fort was a wonderful fortress with defense power comparable even to this fort. However, it's already fall in the hand of the demons and now are being plundered by the monsters.

Hilgis also had an agreement with the Empire against threats, so the Empire was supposed to head for relief in emergencies.

Since this fort, Gorbas fortress was in crisis first, the kingdom dispatched their troops from the southeast part to the northern part, here.

This is the first time in 10 years that the Empire has misjudged the crisis. They are too late to send reinforcements force to Hilgis. To save Hilgis, the Empire hastily move the army there, but they might won't be make it in time...

I've got a bad premonition out of this chains of events. Pg.217

I wonder if all of these attacks are just the tips of the iceberg of what will be coming next.

"So, the attack here was just a diversion. It's not like I never thought of this before, but to think that this is true...no wonder they retreated easily when the army came. Even so, the monster raid this time is still large. Especially when they push us to 2<sup>nd</sup> wall last time. There's a possibility that they are abandoning us because of the increasing reinforcements that keeps coming over here."

There might be no relations between these 2 attacks at all too. But if this world is going to get destroyed in 20 years' time, then it might be a good idea for them to weaken this country little by little.

"Who is leading the attack in the first place?"

"I don't know. Based on the info that I've received, nobody ever seen the

commander yet. We're certain that a command chain exists for these monsters. Some of us speculated that the leading commander might be an Orc King or the Devils. This might be far-fetched, but there are possibility that commander might be the Demon king from fairytales too."

I can feel my sweat drips when he mentions Demon King.

Molten san said that the Demon King only exists in fairy tales now, but unbeknown to them, it might already have been resurrected...

"Anyways, we won't be doing anything. Since Hilgis is very far from here, we will not take action as per our commandment."

Molten san added that since the Kingdom is facing such crisis, the Imperial army might mobilize from the Kingdom border. There is not enough information for the superior of the army to take any action. It can be said that the movement at the Demon side is on par of that of Imperial army. They need to start an even more detailed investigation. Even if Hilgis is quite far from the Kingdom, if they are being attacked, then it's to be expected that the Empire will offer them their assistance. The superior in the army is having a headache right now, because the information flow is really slow.

After long time absence, Elizabeth finally returns back to our room accompanied by people of the Order.

Afterwards, everyone gather in the room.

"Is Nania san feeling better now?"

"We already have enough chat now. It's time for me to leave her at Olba hand."

"More importantly, have you heard about Hilgis?"

"Anything happen at Hilgis?"

Angela is serving a cup of tea to me and ask.

"A messenger has just come here saying that Hilgis Fortress are under attack by the monsters."

"Where is Hilgis?"

"They said that it is a small country at the east of the Kingdom, southeast of the Empire."

I explained to Sati who does not know where Hilgis at. Actually, even I've heard it for the first time today.

"So, is Hilgis okay?"

"At the moment, they don't seem to be in good condition."

I explained the situation based on what I've heard from Molten san earlier and also about the Imperial army movement. I tell them that the reinforcement force might not make it on time.

"I'll go talk to Bishop sama for a while."

Of course, there is also a branch shrine at Hilgis. I wonder if there are any Angela acquaintance over there.

"What about lunch?"

"The food preparation is done. I'll come back soon."

That said she left the room.

"Then I'll go and serve our lunch."

And Sati went to the kitchen.

As usual, Elizabeth does nothing. Well, I'm slacking off too, but at least I'm working hard till just now.

For now, I'll ask Elizabeth opinion on the idea that I've in my minds for a while now.

"I think that all these happen because the Demon king has resurrected!"

As expected, even you have the same idea like mine.

"Why don't we stretch our imagination for a bit? For hundreds of years now, we don't have this existence called Demon king, am I right? Besides, to said that all these attacks because of bad timing is too simple."

"This must have been the handiworks of the Demon! The Demon king will be resurrected and the world will fall in the crisis again."

That's one amazing happy face, Elizabeth. Why are you getting overly excited over this?

"The Hero should be born the same time when the Demon king is resurrected. Masaru, after our job here is done, let's go find this Hero! Together with the Hero, we shall defeat the Demon king!"

Elizabeth san. The candidate for the hero is right here in front of you now, it's me...

No, a new Hero might have been summoned here too. I hope they are finding a new candidate after reading my reports. There are still 20 years left, they might realize that I'm alone is not enough.

"What kind of person is this Hero?"

The Hero from the story usually are all handsome males.

Usually they are a Magic Swordsman but unlike me, more specialized in sword combat. But you see, I don't have any of these heroes sama traits. In the first place, the shrine was the first people that searched for the hero and have it records. Then the story was passed around inside the shrine. That's what I heard from Angela. The content of the story is inconsistent with the books, so it's not like you can trust your book 100%.

"I don't know."

"Yes, yes, the end is right near us. We didn't see the Demon king yet, and the Hero is nowhere yet to be found too. That's the reality that we are facing right now, just face it please."

"Of course, I'm aware of that fact. Masaru is such a dreamless man."

"More importantly, if I were to travel in the Demon Realm and defeat the Demon king, then I'll die early. It's a role only suitable for Hero sama, not me."

Elizabeth give a snout and smiled at me cheekily.

"Alright, I'll not search for this Hero. We have Anne and Sati around, so doing a dangerous thing like this is a no-no."

Then it's fine if it's only me?

"Masaru is not that strong. You barely won against Nania."

I think that even Sati is stronger than me, but I probably shouldn't say that.

Sati brought the lunch while we're chatting, soon after Angela comes back too.

Everyone gets their meal from the cart. Today's food was cooked by Sati and Angela, that's why we can see the pudding there for the first time in long time now.

"The usual fried chicken is nice, but Anne foods is also delicious. I feel like I'm eating a decent dish for the first time in a while."

"Thank you. Since Ellie is going to be a bride soon, I think you should practice cooking from now on."

*"cough* I'll try it too, once we're back at home."

"Then I'll stop cooking for a while."

"After you learn cooking, then you can cook as much fried chicken and pudding that you like, you know."

"Yea that might be nice. when we return back, please take care of me, Anne."

The most effective ways to make a human eager to learn is by colliding it with their interests. I know that because I've been in that stage too.

3 days passed since then. The weather is becoming colder once the calendar approaches February. After around 1 more week, the skill reset will be available again.

The restoration of the 1<sup>st</sup> wall has ended successfully and now I'm digging the moat in front of the wall by using Earth magic. The land that I had dug will be used as the source for repairing the 3<sup>rd</sup> wall inside.

Our position as the one on defense all this time is finally reversed.

This time, all the monsters are being hunted. Although they've only started the suppression expedition, it seems that it will be done soon. The unit that have Sati and Elizabeth said that only small fries left, and their base is totally empty.

In the end, they found nothing.

Together with the other adventurers, we're getting back to Siory town.

The digging work was pretty much completed, but there is still a need to consolidate it. Of course, I refuse to participate in it. Before we went back, Bishop sama meets me again and ask me to join his shrine. Working as a healer or civil workers is safe and good, but they are boring, and it's harder to get experience points too.

If there are requests like that popping out in the future, I'll reject them all. My first priority is to strengthen myself.

Even though I came here together with Sati, in our way back the total people has increased by 2, Angela and Elizabeth. I can say that the mood around me is good. But the other adventurers are wearing a painful face though.

Since I have nothing better to do, I start a conversation.

Both Angela and Elizabeth has their own nicknames now, Anne and Ellie. They are getting familiar with each other since they're going to marry a same guy. As for Sati, she still calls others by their given name, and it doesn't seem like she is going to change her habit soon.

"I wonder if Tilika chan is doing well."

"She might feel lonely, but I'm sure that she is doing well herself. That place is safe, so there is nothing to be worried about."

"That's right. I want to see her soon."

"We all are going to stay together now, but what about Tilika?"

Anne asked me, worried. You say that now, but I've never think about her in the first place. These 3 girls are going to lead a married life me, but what about Tilika chan? Because I'll be newlywed soon, I can't afford to have another woman in the house. Yea, I doubt 'they' will allow me to take another girls home, will they...? Pg. 223

"Actually, it's fine if she is staying with us. Tilika chan is already a grown up, plus she is like a sister to Sati, so she is like a family now."

If I were to tell Sati all my secrets, then it'll be a matter of time before Tilika

chan, who is in good terms with Sati to know. If I'm unable to keep her away, then it will do me better to keep her close.

"That's right. If Masaru allows it, then it's okay."

"But five people staying in that house might be too much. Why don't we move to a bigger place?"

"I think that house is big enough for 5 of us though."

"As for me, I think that the house fits just fine with all of us."

"We will try first, if it's uncomfortable, then we will find new house."

Anne said that the house is big enough, and I don't want to move in the first place too. If I were to respond to Ellie taste, then we need to find a big mansion.

"Fine."

We don't encounter anything on the way home, but the journey still takes 3 days because of the rough roads. Finally, we return back to Siory town.

But when we are back at the town, we heard the news that Hilgis capital has fallen.

Although the townsfolk give us warm welcome, the news of the fallen Hilgis capital really shocked us. The townspeople too have been told that us the adventurers were having a tough battle at Gorbas Fortress.

In the long history of human, a city being invaded by Demon are common stories. Nonetheless, the fact that some people from other countries has violated the use of magic in these recent years, has brought anxiety to people.

"Right now, there is no way to prevent the destruction of Hilgis. That's why the Empire is abandoning Hilgis and instead, solidifying their forces at the borderline."

We are listening to the current news at the guild together with the other returning adventurer.

The military forces have been send towards the northern side in the last 10 years ago, that's why Hilgis can only defends with their current own forces, because of lacks of kingdom troops over there. It was stated in the news that

Hilgis mayor manage to escape, but at that time, my mind was already not there. The correspondence is completely behind the back of my mind.

“Although the situation at the Gorbas Fortress has calm down now, we are expecting lots of mission regarding demons in the future. Therefore, all the corporation between the guild members are appreciated.”

With that, the sub guild leader finished his long talk. The rewards and ranking up will all be done tomorrow. I’ll go meet Tilika chan first, and then go back home.

Together with Sati, we moved around the other adventurers and approach the sub guild leader and Tilika chan who are moving towards their rooms.

“Tilika chan!”

She turns when Sati called, and run towards Sati afterwards. Together, they clasped their hands in reunion.

“Onee chan, please help me.”

# Chapter 14 ~ Tilika's hope is...

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Me and Sati rested ourselves on the sofa after being invited into the sub guild leader room.

“What actually happened?”

Across me, Tilika is sitting beside Sati while clasping their hands together.

“The case is, someone has talk to her into marriage.”

“What getting married. I thought Tilika age is around Sati’s or even younger?”

“Yea. I wonder if that’s the case.”

Then I turned to face Tilika chan. Tilika chan is also looking at me, but she looks calm.

“Simply speaking, Tilika is 20 years old by this year.”

“What, 20 years old!?”

“Eeeeeehhhh!!”

Hearing that, Sati’s screaming in shocked.

“Soon...”

Tilika says that without any changes in her expression.

Seriously...if that’s true then she is older than Angela by 1 year.

“So Tilika chan is the onee chan?”

“Sati is fine being the onee chan.”

“There’s a reason why she doesn’t look her age. It’s because of the Evil Eyes.”

The Evil Eyes which can detect lies was artificially embedded to her. In most cases, whoever the Evil Eyes implanted will have some sort of backlash. As for Tilika chan case, her growth stopped at the age when she undergone the operation.

“It’s not that weird if a girl got courted by the age of 20, but why so

suddenly?"

Before we went to the fort, we never heard about this at all.

The guy must have proposed while we're still fighting at the fortress then.

"It's that Evil Eyes. He said that he wants to get an heir. We finally managed to solve one problem but here comes the other one now."

Those who are capable to possess the magic eyes are indeed valuable. Since the nature is that it is inheritable, that's why one of the parent need to have this trait, so that the children have higher chance with the compatibility.

"Then who is that guy?"

"He is some Noble's son and also a wizard. Even though he might look weak, I know that he packs a punch. He looks like he likes Tilika too."

Basically, the opposite side is a rich wizard huh.

It was said that a mage couple can produce a child with high magical traits. If both the parent is a mage, then it is very likely for the child to have a high magical power reserve, and high aptitude to learn magic, almost to genius level.

"Then what is Tilika chan decisions?"

"I absolutely won't do it."

After she got married, then she will be probably being brought along to the Kingdom.

After that, another Truth Official need to be dispatched. Tilika chan already refuse him, saying that she absolutely doesn't want that to happen. Furthermore, she doesn't want to leave Sati here. Pg. 228

"Masaru."

"Yes?"

Tilika chan stood up and comes to me.

"Let's get married."

"Eh? Then Sati?"

I look at Sati.

...Actually, just how much girls one can marry in one time in this world?

"No, you're wrong Masaru. If I marry Masaru, then all these mess can be solved. Onee chan will be together with me. I can give birth to Masaru kids because he is a good mage."

After Tilika chan is satisfied talking whatever she wants, she returns back to Sati's side.

"That's the issue now."

No matter how much Tilika chan is putting her hope on me, I still can't decide if you say it suddenly now.

"Um...you know, I already planned to marry Sati, Angela and Elizabeth after this."

"Oh! Marrying 3 girls straight. This guy is too healthy! Not to mention that Tilika is going to be included too. What, even 3 is already a lot. Adding just Tilika alone sure won't increase the burden more, I bet!"

"I doubt that. This girl is not a small animal that I'm going to keep as a pet you know."

"Does Masaru hate me?"

"No, I rather like you."

Tilika chan is a cute girl, there is no mistake that I kinda like her, but marriage?

"I also like Masaru very much."

Like me a lot, huh? Somehow, I feel like her real feeling didn't match what she is saying just now.

"Um, Masaru sama. Please do this, for my sake."

So, Sati is okay with this.

"P-please let me think for a while first..."

"Ah, there's no need for you to decide it now. You can go back and discuss

this with your brides."

Then as usual Tilika chan will follows us and stay at our home.

We've left the house for more than 2 weeks now, but I can see that it has been properly cleaned from time to time. I need to thanks Sister Matilda for this.

When we entered inside, Ellie has already been waiting for us at the front.

As for Anne, she returns to the shrine to meet the Head Priest.

"Ara, isn't it Tilika chan. Are you going to stayover tonight?"

"Yes. I'm going to stayover tonight from now on." Pg. 230

Rather than staying, it's more like you're going to start living here from now on...

"From now on?"

Tilika chan nod.

"Yes."

It seems like Ellie didn't quite get it.

If she really thinks carefully then she might catch up that Tilika chan means every day.

"Forget about that, I'm already hungry."

"Ah, that's right. Shall we eat then?"

Just like another day, it's dark outside today as well.

The dining room was already lit with light. There are some oil lamps and candles, but the light produce by Ellie's magic is still the brightest.

I still have the ramen soup stock around, so for now I'm brewing the pasta.

I create water with magic, and boil it with fire magic. Meanwhile, I burn the firewood and start cutting the vegetables.

I warm the soup with fire magic, and lightly seasoned it with salt. Then I pour eggs inside the soup.

Finally, I put the fresh vegetables inside, and thus the Nagasaki Champon of salt ramen style pasta with chicken broth soup was completed.

They might don't know this food, even so I'm sure they will appreciate how delicious this is.

I only need to use 10 minutes to prepare this. As expected, magic sure is convenient.

I also added the bread that I kept as item.

Maybe I should make a bread Full Menu? I think about it for a while and decide that this much is enough.

Sati keep on having extra fills, furthermore she is having the bread too.

As usual, she is a big eater. I'm worried that she might be fat one day.

After this I'm going to do a thorough check with her body, maybe I will start with her waist size.

After the meal, we're going to have fun time like usual in the bath...but after Ellie went in, Sati together with Tilika chan went inside first.

All of them have themselves wrapped in bath towel properly.

"Excuse me, Tilika chan?"

"I'll scrub her today. Don't worry, Onee chan already told me all about it. You can just leave it to me."

"Elizabeth sama also like it when both of us are washing her you know!"

Doesn't that mean that Ellie is just that lazy?

When I think about it, I'm already feeling so sleepy.

"I have not decided with the marriage yet. I still feel that all of this is too rushed..." pg. 231

"Do you want me to wash your back, Masaru?"

There's no use for me to tell her that I don't need it, when truthfully, I want it, because she can see through all my lies...

"Ah, please do it."

“No problem. Then I will wash the front, while Onee chan wash the back.”

Therefore, I was scrubbed by both of them. They washed my body thoroughly, every nook and cranny without any exception.

Tilika chan is already 20 years old. She is pretty much about the same age as Angela. That's why it's okay. She also agrees with it.

Now I only need to get the approval from those 2!

All three of us soaked in the bath.

Tilika chan and Sati are at my both sides. While soaking in the bath, it's a manner to not wear anything, including towel. I know that both of them are naked, but as a gentle man I'll not let my hand wander around.

“Do you feel nice, Masaru?”

“It really feels quite nice...”

“Then will you marry me?”

With that saying, she gently positioned herself in front of me and gazed to my eyes. That sure is one aggressive move, is she trying to tempt me now?

“For your information, I'm okay with it, no objection. But I still need to ask Ellie and Ann first.”

“I'm sure that both of them will agree.”

“That's right. Why don't you have a talk with Ellie after we went out of bath.”

Although I don't want to put myself into more mess now, both of them are counting on me. I'm sure that Tilika chan is prepared for this. That's why, I have my own share of responsibility in this.

The firewood's in the fireplace is burning, warming the entire living room.

Ellie's currently sitting in front of it and looks irritated. Did she saw me come out of the bath together with Tilika chan?

I sit next to her right, Tilika chan and Sati on her left, and shake her.

I don't think this sofa can occupy all of us in one time, if Angela is included. No choice, I'll have to buy either another sofa or a larger one.

Or maybe I should get a granny chair next? I'll decide it once I get to the furniture shop.

But first I need to tell Ellie about Tilika chan. It's quite a delicate topic, so I need to approach her carefully with this one.

...Let's coax her gently as possible now.

"Elizabeth, I have something to tell you now."

"What's wrong, being so serious suddenly."

"This is about Tilika chan."

"I'm going to marry Masaru."

Hey you, wait! I'm trying to tell her all this in order you know!

"...Please explain what this girl is trying to say, Masaru."

I can tell from her voice that her mood has worsen.

"No wait, I'll explain it. I'll give you all the details!"

"You better be. I'm going to hear all the details, until I'm satisfied."

"Actually, all these happens because Tilika chan is going to marry soon..."

I explain to her about current situations that I already heard earlier. Pg. 234

"So, it's because of her magic Eyes. But it's not like Tilika's going to get married like, right now, isn't she? She is still a child, furthermore she is too young to do this."

"Well, you see..." I look at Tilika chan over Ellie's shoulder.

"I'm 20 years old this year. I'm a full-fledged adult."

"EHHH!?"

"Her growth was stopped due to her Evil Eyes curse."

"Is that the truth?"

"True."

"20...20 years old, eh? Then no wonder you're getting a suitor already. What kind of man is your suitor?"

Tilika chan scratched her neck.

"You should have seen him when he met you, no? You never seen him before?"

"I saw. But I can't remember the details."

How can you forget your suitor name's and face...?

How unfortunate...

"If I'm not mistaken, he is a 3<sup>rd</sup> son of some noble, right? I don't know if it is possible to let Tilika marry Masaru just like that. We need to ask guild vice leader tomorrow for more details."

"So...are you okay with me marrying her?"

"There are still some things that I would like to say, but since it Tilika, then it's okay. So, Masaru is really marrying her right?"

"Yeah."

"Marrying a person out of obligation without love is just wrong, that's why I'm glad that you're stopping it!"

"Thank you, Ellie."

"Don't mind it. When Ann return tomorrow, let's talk to her together."

"I wonder if Ann will agree?"

"It will be okay, right? It's because Ann is a gentle person. I'm sure that everything will turns out well, Tilika chan. Just leave it to us."

Reliable! You're really a reliable person, Elizabeth san!

"Heh-heh. It's only natural!"

The next morning, Ann returns before breakfast. She arrives at nice timing, I'm just about to look for her.

"Regarding the party issue, I have already been given the permission. In the meantime, I went to the clinic and help, and it seems that the orphanage has done well even without me."

"That means you're going to stay here from now on?"

"Yeah. I already brought all my personal belongings over."

Although she mentions that her luggage is not much, I still can see 2 big bags or something. I decided that I'll only talk to her after I help her unloads all her goods.

'Err, you see. The thing about Tilika chan that we discussed before..." pg. 236

'Leave it to us!' So said Ellie yesterday. She talked big game but in the end, I'm the one to say it since she hasn't wake up yet. I'm fidgeting around the dining hall table now. Still, I have to say it, especially now.

"What's wrong with Tilika?"

"I heard that Tilika chan is going to get married soon."

This time nobody can disturb my explanation so I can explain it in order now.

"With who!?"

I will tell you about the noble's son. This is the third time I'm repeating the same explanations now.

"So, the suitor is a noble man 3<sup>rd</sup> son...then, what can we do? You said that you dislike Tilika before, right?"

"I'm going to marry Masaru."

Ah, this kid cut me in the middle again. Well since I have pretty much explained everything earlier, so it's fine.

"But Tilika is still so young. Isn't it okay with just engagement first?"

"20 years old."

Explaining about her has becomes so troublesome now. The explanation is miscellaneous.

"20 years old?"

This girl really has no idea.

"Um, she really is. It's because of the Evil Eyes that now she..."

I'm explaining for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time.

“20 years old...She is one year older than me...”

“I’m alright with it you know. We just need Ann approval now.”

Elizabeth who finally woke up said.

“Err, so have you discuss with him already?”

“Yea, he came to ask me yesterday.”

“Aren’t you being too hasty...Ah, whatever. I’m also fine with it.”

“Thank you, Angela.”

“Yeah-yeah, you’re welcome. So, what are you going to do next?”

“I’m going to tell it to the guild vice leader. But should I eat rice before I’m going?”

“Ah, I see, I see! I know that Masaru will said so! Aren’t you glad, Tilika chan.”

“Yeah.”

“So, who is the guy actually?”

Ellie aske the guild vice leader.

“George Byron, third son of the noble Byron. He is a magical swordsman who is using Earth magic. He is quite formidable.”

“Isn’t he an aristocrat from a Military (Bumon) family? Will he give up easily just like that?”

“No, the person himself said that he likes Tilika, and he went here just to relay his message. It will be a bother to come all the way from the kingdom just to get rejected.”

“I don’t agree with his action myself, doing anything he pleased without others consent. I’ll try to prevent him using my authority as a guild vice leader.”

“I intended to do that as a last measure, but before that I’ll like to persuade him first.”

Persuade?

When we came to persuade Nania san before, it turns into a battle though...

“I got it. Masaru, I’ll go persuade with you!”

“It is a battle!”

I know right. I already expect this when I heard about Bumon.

This George Byron person is a tall and slender guy. His appearance is not as menacing than the other adventurers, and if he is in Japan, then he might do well. He is wearing some robe that looks like only a noble can afford, which make him looks like a mage. He also has 2 aides standing side by side with him.

To conduct our battle, we went to the training ground.

“A horse face men like you are not suitable for Lady Tilika. It’ll be better if you will surrender yourself quietly now.”

Just like you said, I’m just a commoner, not sure about the horse face part though, but I can tell you that I’ll never withdraw from this duel.

“Masaru! Absolutely don’t lose to guy like that!”

“That’s right! Try your hardest for Tilika sake!”

“Masaru sama, fight!”

“...Those ladies that are cheering for you at the back, just who are them?”

“Err, all three of them are my wives...”

George expression turns furious in an instant. And is that tongue click I heard just now?

“Y, you bastard...you already have three ladies with you, yet you still want Lady Tilika...”

George’s voice is trembling.

“All three of them have placed their hopes on me...that’s why, sorry.”

“Lady Tilika! Can you accept that this guy is a lady’s man!? If it’s me, then I will love you and only you for the rest of my life!”

“I don’t need you. Masaru alone is enough.”

Tilika chan said it out flat.

I feel pitiful towards George a little now.

"I see. As expected, you're the root of all evils. I don't know just how you managed to charm Lady Tilika, but I'll put an end to you now!"

The one that misunderstood the most was Sati in the first place you know.

I wanted to explain it to him, but I saw that he already started casting magic. I jump backward and put up my guard.

"There's no need to be vigilant. First of all, I'll show you my magic. Manifest, my Golem!"

By using the surrounding training ground as materials, George summoned 3 Golems. They are about 3 meters each.

"Fufufu. How's that. Just to let you know, I can put up four at max. I'll forgive you if you were to perform Dogeza now."

So, he put out only 3 because if he put out 4, then he will deplete all his MP. Alright, I understand.

"You are not able to release all four of them at one time, right?"

"J, just three of them are enough to handle the likes of you! Prepare yourself!"

As expected. But still, three Golems at once is quite an accomplishment. If it's the me before I went to Golbas Fortress, then there's no way I can defeat him.

"Now, just accept your defeat. With your fire magic, there is no way that it could do any damage towards my Golem."

Well you see, to maintain the Golem he needs to concentrate as long as the Golem is out on the field. If I were to use a low rank Fire magic, then it can only scratch the surface of his Golem.

He might have investigated a bit about me, but the information that he holds now is already obsolete. It's true that as a Magic Swordsman, I was only capable of Fire magic before. But now, even I have mastered Earth magic.

"I can use Earth magic too now, so we are at same level right now."

I can do pretty much the same spell too, so there's nothing to worry about.

"Ho, I never heard about that before. If you really can use it, then why don't

you show me your Golem now.”

“Just for clarification, it is fine if we determine the winner of the match by using our Golem alone?”

“That’s fine. I swear it with my family name Byron.”

Okay now. I never tried to make a large Golem before, but I pretty much know how to. For this spell, I can control the size of my Golem by manipulating the amount of magic power that I use, unlike the one from the level 2 Earth magic. Alright, I think this much is enough.

【Creation of large golem】 Activation – The chant is a success. Let’s put magical power in a little.

*Gugugu ground shaking*

What? The ground is... this is bad. Is the Golem too big?

“Everyone get out of here!”

Everyone seems to notice the abnormalities that happening in the ground after I shouted. They all scattered in panic.

*bokuboku* the ground is making sound now. Something big is coming...

George face turns pale and he started to distance himself from me now. He is an Earth mage, so only he knows what’s going to appear.

After the chant is complete, the giant slowly rose from the ground, starting from its hand. 10? No, it size is about 20 meters.

“Wh-wha-what is that!?”

My mind returns to our duel after I heard George voice. Although it’s unlikely that he is going to fight me anymore like this.

“What do you mean ‘what’, of course it’s my large Golem. More importantly, let’s start now.”

“I-it must be hollow inside! Yea, that must be the case! Go, my Golems!”

His three Golems attack my large Golem. They are pretty big too, with the size of 3 meters each, but mine is just colossal. It tries to hang on my large Golem feet, but since the outer layer scrapped off, so it is not effective.

"Hahaha! How's that! It might be big, but I know that it's shoddy! It's a creation that are unable to move itself!"

No, no, no. I'm sure that it managed to get up here fine just now.



“Crush them with your feet.”

I give the order to my large Golem. Actually, there is no need for me to voice out my command because I can directly do it from my head, but somehow, I just said it.

The large Golem slowly raise its feet, and stomped upon the other Golem with a scratching sound. After seeing that, the other 2 Golems retreated. But my large Golem only need to take another step and crush the other one. The last one made a desperate attempt to flee, but my large Golem squatted, and swatted it like a mosquito. With this, the fight is over.

“Impossible...this is just absurd.”

That’s what I’m thinking too. It was somewhat an unreal sight that a huge golem crushed and crushed a small golem, even if I saw it with my own eyes.

But, this is a trouble.

A large hole opened in the training ground.

Will it be okay if I return the large Golem into the ground back? I don’t want to get preached by Sergeant dono again. While watching the hole, and thinking about such a thing, Ann gave a cry.

“Masaru, dangerous!”

“Eh?”

Is it George!?

George has unsheathed his sword and start attacking.

I raise my left arm and tried to block the attack with my shield, only to realize that I didn’t bring my shield along.

George stopped after he got my hand, and I tried to slip away from him without making it worse on my left hand as possible. He managed to hit around my elbows, and now I’m unable to move it because of the pain.

“Kukuku. The member of Bryon family can never lose, especially to a commoner like you.”

“You!”

"Let's do it for real this time, pull out your sword."

My left arm is useless now. There's a possibility that the hit just now cracked my bone. I may be wearing my armor now, but a direct hit is still bad.

I take a distance from George and pull out my sword. My opponent is still a mage. If I were to cast heal now, then he might notice and start attacking. Fuck. My left arm is completely dead.

We can hear the jeering's from the spectator's side. But George doesn't seem to notice.

"Aren't you embarrassed? You said just now that it's fine to settle this with our Golem alone."

"Shut up! Such thing! I have decided that you cheated somehow! I'll defeat you right here and now, you garbage!"

I tightly grip my sword with my right arm, and take a deep breath to reduce the pain in my left arm.

My left arm does not matter much, as I'm a righty. If I didn't defend just now, then it's possible for me to die from his attack.

"Masaru! I'm going to treat you now!"

"Don't come. I'll put an end to him soon."

"Now that's chivalrous. Then I'll kill you without you need to suffer much."

That said, George readying his stance. I wonder if that sword is good. It looks thinner than the average sword, maybe it's specialized for thrusting. Maybe that's why he can penetrate my left arm this much.

But why are you saying that you will kill me over and over. I just want to live peacefully...

"I'm coming!"

I'm sure that George think that my left arm is pretty much dead. Look at his victorious face while brandishing his sword around. He is going for the thrust technique.

Yea, he is slow. His action takes too much time.

I avoid his strike with just a little margin, and strike his handsome face with the handle of my sword.

George fell down and collapsed, not moving anymore.

Did I hit him too seriously? I'm sure that I held back somewhat. He is not dead, right...?

Both George aids rush to his side.

"Masaru, are you okay? I'm going to treat you now."

"What's with that guy! He brings shame to his noble lineage."

The pain is reduced after Angela used heal.

"You've done well, Masaru. I'll report this incident to the upper side. He has breached the agreement that has been made before the fight. There's nothing that he can say to defend himself anymore."

George received treatment and carried away while fainted.

"Thank you, Masaru."

"Un."

"Masaru sama, you're so amazing. You look so cool just now!"

"That's right. This is the first time I've ever saw a Golem that huge."

"I'm sorry to disturb you guys happy moment, but your job is not end yet..."

The guild vice leader pointed at hole on the ground.

Ah geez fine, I'll fix it. I'll fix it right now.

# Chapter 15 ~ Liberation

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All the people surrounding are being a nuisance, so I chase them all out. After that, I planned to return back the gigantic golem to the ground and brilliantly fix the training ground using the construction technique that I've cultivated from the fort. Then I'm going to claim my reward for the previous relief mission.

Elizabeth immediately send the rewards money to her parent house, and Sati's reward is there too.

As for Sati, she didn't get much rewards, so I give it all to her as her pocket money. This time, she has managed to gain much herself.

By the way, the guild will handle all the remittances applied by the guild members. Basically, they will tell the other branch of the amounts to be deposited or if necessary, they will send it themselves. Of course, in that case there will be an additional delivery charges. In Elizabeth case, her place is near the demon realm so it's near to the other guild branch, so extra fees for commission are not necessary.

After my business with the guild is done, I dropped by at the Armor shop.

My armor is tattered all over now due to the continuous battles. Well, it was mainly due to Nania san though. I'm thinking of repairing it before, but after much thought, I rather increase it defensive power.

Instead of the current leather based armor, I change the torso part to plate mail, and reinforce the join in the arm and foot with iron.

Like this, it will become a half plate armor like Nania san.

I decided to upgrade Sati and Ann armors as well.

I'm strengthening Sati's armor just like mine. As for Ann, she is going to get one set from the Order of The Shrine.

I was told by Ann that it was heavy, but since I can increase her physical strength through skill, so it's okay.

Since the armor need to be tailored to suit the body shape, it will take at least one week to be done. We're going to stick around for quite some time now, so it's okay.

I need to replenish my arrows stock too, since I'm out of them at the moment. All the arrows that Sati used at the fortress battle were for defenses, so the Guild will totally reimburse it for me. Furthermore, they are going to pay me double for it. Quite a large sum really.

I order a lot of them, as a preparation for the upcoming battle. I've a little to no amount of them now in my inventory, so it might take weeks to get it to normal count.

"Wait Ann, aren't Ellie going to come back soon?"

"That's right. See, Ellie is here."

"Wait. We're are going together."

"I get it. No need to pull my hand so much."

I saw Ann is pulling Ellie's hand.

"I'm going to buy you some gift. Let's go, Sati."

I hold Sati's hand and walk.

"Yes. But is it really fine? I'm fine the way I'm right now."

"It's not like its matter, no?"

"Un~!"

Sati looks like she is thinking something.

"Why don't you get something same like Ann, Ellie and Tilika chan? I'm sure that you would like it too."

"That's right. This way, everyone will get a matching set!"

"True, true. You should change the way you call me too. Why don't you call me just Masaru?"

"Ma, Masaru..."

Sati face down, with a hint of rose at her cheeks.

This feels nice somehow. Show some guts.

"Masaru kun, Masaru san. Ma kun?"

"Masaru kun, Masaru san. Ma kun..."

"Which one is good?"

"As expected, only Masaru sama is acceptable."

"You sure?"

"Yes."

"Ah, we've arrive.'

We stopped in front of the slave trader shop where I got Sati from. Sati look up at the shop with an uneasy face.

"Um...if I'm no longer a slave...will you keep the promise, being with me together for 20 years?" pg. 251

Everything that she has while being my slave will all be taken away. I wonder if that's how she is feeling right now.

"Be ease, nothing will happen. Well, you see, I'm going to marry everyone, so that all of us can go back to our home together. Un, I can promise you that. Sati would never go anywhere else. Is that okay?"

"Yes, Masaru sama. It's a promise."

Till now I still think about Japan.

Truthfully, it's not a bad idea to live all my life here in this world. I already have 4 brides now as well. Perhaps right now is the peaks of my life. I've encountered many frightful and painful thing in my life before, but now I dare to say...

I have no regret in my life anymore!!

NO, I've yet to do it with Ellie and Tilika chan yet. I'll only declare it officially after I've done everything properly.

Sati scratched her head, and then tighten her fist, showing her resolve.

*breath* Calm yourself. I come here today to stripped Sati off her slave status.

"Alright, I'm going in."

I said as I'm walking through the door. I already spent too much time standing outside the door. Inside, there is the usual middle-age bald man.

"Oh, it's you. And the one beside you is, umm~"

"Sati"

"Oh yeah, Sati. Are you doing fine?"

"Yes. I'm in fine health."

"Is that so. Come in. So, what kind of service are you looking for today?"

"I'm thinking of releasing this girl."

"I see. Good timing. The crest master came here a while back too. We can start right away."

After that he left the room. By the way, I never think that I ever use the crest before.

I'm going to release it! I already come today so if I 've done nothing, then I'll become a lesser human by tomorrow.

After a while the bald man comes back, bringing along him a guy wearing a pair of dark glove and a gray robe.

"The service to release a slave is 800 gold each. Is that fine?" pg. 252

I don't know if the fee is appropriate for the service, but it's okay since I'm quite loaded at the moment. I give him 8 pieces of silver coins.

"Please bring your arm out."

He orders Sati.

"Alright. This is what I'm going to do. Her release can be done immediately. But I need to do it at another room. I don't want others to see this technique."

Although it is not an easy spell, there is still a possibility for it to be copied if the other mage concentrate on the process. It's very dangerous for those who are not qualified to knows the spell to bind and release the slaves. Our society might get confused if slaves are made and freed all the time without

permission. Pg. 253

“Come here.”

After he said that, he took Sati’s hand and left the room.

“It’ll be okay. I’ve been conducting business with him for a long time now. You can entrust him with this stuff.”

I wonder if my anxiety is that apparent on my face.

“That’s fine then. I’ll wait here quietly.”

It was when I take a sip of tea that I remembered.

“That’s right. About the older girl that I’ve asked before, have you managed to contact her yet?”

I promised to tell her when I’m going to marry Sati. When we’re talking about this, Sati returned.

“This girl is free now.”

The crest master said.

“Congratulation Sati. You must be happy that the man that bought you is going to marry you.”

“Yes.”

“So, you’re going to get married. Then allow me congratulate you.”

“Thank you.”

I take a look at Sati’s hand. Although the Slave Crest was engraved like a tattoo, it’s surprising that it can be taken out, without leaving any kind of trace.

“Let’s go. I’ll contact you guys after the date was decided.”

“I wish for your happiness!”

On the way back, I think a bit while holding hand with Sati.

Most of the people of her kind don’t have a last name, so if we are to marry, then will her name change to Sati Yamano? Somehow it sounds like a Nikkeijin (Japanese immigrant). Angela Yamano, Elizabeth Yamano and Tilika Yamano. Well, them too. I wish that I have a cooler surname, like Houou. Sati Houou.

Yup. Sounds much better...right? Houou Angela and Houou Elizabeth. In this case, the name doesn't sound like it fit.

Honestly, Houou surname sounds like a joke too, so I better consult everyone before deciding.

I walked silently while thinking that. Sati is not talking much either. I'm saved because I don't actually have any topic to talk to. I look at her, and she looks my way, with moist eyes and eventually giggles. Getting caught in the mood, I also start to laugh softly alongside her, when she squeezed my hand.

"I..."

"Yes?"

"I'm no longer a slave, am I?"

"Yeah."

"Masaru...Masaru sama will keep loving me like always, right?"

Recently, Sati will always ask this question to me. This girl is always unsure about my feeling toward her. Well I found this reaction to be loveable though.

"Yes. I love you really much, Sati."

"Me too. I love you really much."

"Un."

After that, we walk silently.

I'm feeling happy right now, like in heaven.

I wonder if Sati is feeling the exact same thing like mine. I'll make sure to make this girl happy. I hope that from now everyday will be like this.

On the way home, I dropped at the shop to purchase food ingredients. After that I'm looking for souvenir and then went back home.

I make a little detour and dropped at horse ranch and get some horse milk to make some yogurt. Ellie has not been eating it for a long time now, I'm sure she will be happy.

After we arrived at home, I show everyone Sati's hand. Of course, just like me,

both Ann and Ellie are glad for her.

That day our dinner is a dragon meat that have been kept carefully since last time. By the way, I remember that it thanks to this dragon meat that I was able to invite Tilika chan to come here in the first place.

I'm going to get married with Tilika chan, so it's not like I can use the 'chan' forever. テイリカ、ティリカ(note: what?). Yea, this is better.

My wedding ceremony will be held after one week, together with Olba san and Nania san. At first, I was glad that my wedding only caught a small attention in our community, but the guests are likely to increases by times. Of course, my opinion to have average wedding were opposed by the other four. Even Tilika chan seems to look forward to our grand wedding.

Sati also said how much she wants a wonderful wedding. That's why now, I've no choice but to make it fancy and grandiose...

Just one thing, the girls won't let me make final decision for our wedding dress design.

They have not yet decided the design for the wedding dress, and it seems like it's fine to decorate it however we like. Then the tailor shown us the picture of the design that looks like a western style wedding gown that I often see at Japan and I quite like it. Even Nania san seems to have same opinion like mine.  
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I was shown the design of the wedding dress at the tailor. That's pretty much my role in this.

When I show them the picture of the design and tell them that I like it, the girls suddenly become unrest and hold a meeting at my back. It seems that the design was mostly used for noble woman when they are going for a party. After that, it is time for them to get their measurement done, so I went out to look for a ring next. As for the place, I pretty much knows where to ask about it.

I ask the vice guild leader about the wedding ring and where can I find it, turn out that he didn't know such place. When I ask the receptionist, I was introduced with a nice shop.

The metalsmith consulted me about the ring design and I asked him to make

it simple, around the same shape as Elizabeth ring. The material price for mithril silver is quite high. The metalsmith shown me all irons with various size for me to decide and I need to give the specifics like the girl's fingers size. At the same time, I take a look around inside the shop.

How about my suit? My job is done after we decided the hemming for Ellies gown. As for the male suit, I don't care much and it's okay as long as it's wearable.

I did not wear the wedding suit as trial because I did not have much time, but I think that it was finished in a simple and neat feeling.

The wedding expenses include the additional furniture to put in the house, the rings and the dresses. The expenses dug quite a deep hole in my pocket, seeing that I pretty much has used up all the reward money that I've gained from the fort mission. I will need to earn from below again so it's not possible to be leisure for a while now.

The reward itself was very big, especially because it is an emergency relief mission. Furthermore, if I include all the Orcs meat that is higher in value than the usual meat, then I can easily get double the mission fee. But still, I think that my reward is not that reasonable, considering how much services that I've provided. Still, it was quite a lot compared to Ellie and Sati.

Regarding the emergency request, it is actually half volunteer. If people only care about the rewards and choose not to fight, then it might be possible for the country to be destroyed. Everyone know how much lives are at stakes.

I didn't expect the rewards to be that unsatisfactory so I was quite disappointed, but after I heard the speech I feel quite satisfied.

All of us has decided that the Orcs meats that I've collected earlier will be served to our guests during our wedding.

Besides the rewards, I gain 4 wives after the battle.

It's priceless. There's no way that they can be compared with any amount of money.

That's why I've no complain now.

# **Chapter 16 ~ High Priest and Angela, Elizabeth's situation, Tilika's master**

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I want to invite Crook and Silva to my wedding, but unfortunately they are nowhere to be found. Although the details for their mission are not public due to confidentiality, it seems that they are on a mission far away from town. When I think about it, they were not at Gorbas Fortress last time either. For that time during the Harpy raid, I wonder if it was good timing or bad timing. Probably the latter.

It's for the best, though. I'm sure that once they find out about this they will burn with jealousy, making the situation more complicated.

As soon as we arrived at the city, Ann straightaway went to meet High Priest and ask him to host our ceremony, but the thing about me being an apostle was a top priority. This is what Ann told me about what happened.

“State your business, Sister Angela.”

“Actually, for the time being, I’ve decided to marry Masaru. That’s why I’m reporting it to High Priest first.”

“Oh, your relationship has gone that far. Congratulations. You have my blessing.”

“Thank you very much. With that said, I would like to use our shrine for our wedding.”

“Sure, of course you can. I’ll have the organizer arrange it for you. So, there are two other girls beside you. Ah, they’re those kids.”

During this time, I didn’t know that Tilika was another candidate, hence the number.

“Lately, even in our shrine, there is a faction that demands to break the

monogamy doctrine.”

There are various people within the shrine. At the moment, there is no one other than High Priest managing the whole shrine’s welfare.

“There is one more thing that I would like permission from you.”

“What is it?”

“I want to enter Masaru’s party as an adventurer, I think.”

“...regarding the matter that we discussed about Masaru before, any progress? Is he the ‘one’ after all?”

“Err, umm, about that...”

“Don’t tell me!? Is that the truth?”

I’ve barely started giving my excuses, yet he has managed to grasp almost everything. High Priest sama is amazing as usual.

“Um! High Priest sama, regarding that!”

High Priest looks at Ann.

“I’m sorry, High Priest. Since I’ve been transferred here, I know how much effort that you’ve spent raising us. I didn’t remember much about my father, but I always thought that if I had one, then it would be a person like you. But...”

“Yes, I’ve always thought of you as my own daughter. So does my wife. Opening a topic about us being a family now is dodging the question.”

“I don’t want to tell a lie to High Priest. But, I don’t want to cause problems for Masaru either...”

“I understand. I’ll not press this matter anymore. I’ll keep it in my heart. This is what Masaru wants too, right?”

“Yes. Please forgive me, High Priest...”

“It’s fine. You’re going to be a married woman from now on. Please keep protecting Masaru as an emissary of the shrine, and also for my sake.”

“Yes, High Priest.”

“Please don’t make that teary face now. Besides, I would like to hear about

your recent stories with him. Can you tell me? I want to hear about your adventure together with him at the fortress.”

After that, as if we’re avoiding the topic of an apostle, we keep on talking about ordinary things and get my application to join Masaru’s party accepted.

When we’re ready, then we better tell High Priest the truth together.

I also heard about Ellie’s current family circumstances back at home.

It was at night, on the bed after our first time.

When I think back it was the same for Ann too, so I take it that the women in this world like to bring up important stuff during bed talk.

This is going to be the third girl that I’m going to handle on my bed, therefore I’m able to keep a calm demeanor. But it’s a different case for Ellie. She knows that this is her first time, but she still acts like she wants to take the lead, which makes her 10 times cuter than normal. I was struggling just to suppress myself from finishing fast due to overexcitement.

“Are you okay? Let’s stop it tonight, we can always continue this next time...”

“He, hey, I’m still okay! It’s not like it hurts or anything, you hear! No-now, continue it quickly!”

Ellie is currently in her skimpy underwear, facing me on the bed. She just got out from the bath and her movement is all fidgety, plus her moist hair makes her looks much sexier.

I had already messed around together with Sati in the bath beforehand, while Ann asked me to do it gently at first, you know, with her cute squeaking voice. But this kind of response from Ellie is new, so it kind of elicits a fresh mood.

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But even though Ellie is a fine 17 years old, she is still your average everyday girl. I better start it gently, for her sake.

It a shame that we can’t do it with the light turned on.

“Iyahn”

It was dark inside the room now, so my approach kind of surprised her. The cute moans are nice to hear though.

"Do you want this room to be brighter?"

"N-no, that's not it. I just thought that it's kind of quite dark now..."

That's right. There is a lamp at the bedside. I don't want to move away from Ellie's body warmth now, but thinking that I'm going to be able to see her expressions after lighting the lamp up, I disengage from her for a while.

Ellie's face now is quite visible with the presence of the light. It looks like she has calmed down a bit too.

"N-now, let us continue."

She said that she is prepared, but from her quivering voice I think she is not quite yet.

"Then, lets start with kissing."

"Eh? T-that's right. We start from kissing first, o-of course."

What, why so scared? I'm not going to attack you or anything, you know. What a terrible misunderstanding. As a gentleman, there is no way that I'm going to stoop so low and initiate that kind of act. As a matter of fact, I will carefully take care of you, step by step, until you're ready. Very carefully.

"Ahnn"

We have the whole night to savor this. I'll start from a kiss!

Elizabeth's family is middle class nobility of the Empire. Although they're not a family specialized in magic, they are still quite strong, with a force not to be underestimated. That's why they were in charge of security at the border, in the fortress that's always in conflict with the demons.

There are still some skirmishes nearby, initiated by the monsters. Although it's said that they are relatively small, it seems that there were a number of villages and towns that were destroyed if they were built at unprotected places. But the fortress where Ellie 's father was stationed had sufficient defense, to

the degree that it would have been impossible to fall. But Ellie's father, for some reason mobilized the troops from the fortress.

Not long after, the fortress fell.

To recapture back the fortress, he received help from the knight corps and the army from the allied adjacent territory. However, many of the demons who broke through the fortress had already invaded the Empire's land, and the surrounding area was ravaged.

While recapturing the fortress, Ellie and Nania's dads found their demise. At that time, Nania san also participated in the battle.

Elizabeth's brother succeeded their father's position. But, as the head of the family, the blame was pinned on him for disembarking the troops from the fortress. As punishment, they are now assigned to a smaller territory. Not only that, their status was also lowered from Earl to Baron.

"The whole situation happened because of a dirty lie. Our family was set up. It was all the fault of that pig lord!"

Apparently, the pig lord is the commander of the adjacent troops at that time.

He came to the family fortress and met with a knight, relaying this message, [The nearby border line is likely to be broken into monsters. Give me relief.]. The knight was charged with the defense of the fortress at that time.

We had a bad relationship with the pig lord, but that was not a reason to doubt what the knight Order says. Although the Order is technically under the Kingdom's control, strictly speaking there is no command above them, seeing that their position is at the top of our army.

But the fort was emptied. The head of the Order said that he never issued an order like that. Both Ellie's dad and his confidants died. There are a few soldiers that vaguely know the real situation, but their statements are just fragmented at best, and some of them were silenced, since they are just grunts. This story was confirmed by Ellie herself, but it's nothing more than a guess based on the situation and the fragments of the information.

There is suspicion that the Head of the Order and the pig lord are in this together.

The timing when both of them came together to strike at the demons was too good to be believable.

"Somehow or another, I managed to pretty much unearth the plan of that demon. But, further than that, I don't have any idea on what to do. I can't prove it either. Even if I said that this whole farce was planned from the start, there's no way they will hear us out since both the pig lord and the Head of the Order are in this together. Because of that our family was not immune to the imminent crush."

Proof and evidence is necessary to start a trial against a noble with a higher status. These nobles are protected, which is why the Truth Officials are unable to take action. Moreover, if you cannot prove their wrongdoings even after dispatching the Truth Official, you will incur even bigger punishment.

Even the pig lord would be cautious with movement from the Palace Truth Official. We can sniff around all we want, but the possibility to find the evidence is close to nil.

An interrogation can only be made if she somehow gains evidences that the pig lord has deceived Ellie's father, or if she found witnesses. She failed to get either one, so there's nothing that can be done.

No matter what, the fact that Ellie's dad brought out the armies is a truth that can't be denied. They will wonder, who is the person that is responsible for bringing down Elizabeth's family and trying to overtake their territory, who is a person responsible for allowing the fort to be emptied and causing lots of death, and who is the person that truly saved the fortress?

Not many people are willing to cooperate because they are afraid of the impeding danger.

Ellie's family seat was moved to the other settlement.

The new place requires the use of magic, so it seems that the territorial management comes hard.

That's why Ellie and Nania san has been sending most of their reward money as adventurers back to their hometown.

"Nania will stop sending her reward money soon. So, I hope that Masaru can

help me from now on.”

“Okay, I’m fine with that.”

I don’t know how much money that they need, but I can say confidently now that earning money is not a big problem for me. Even the dragon that we fought earlier can be easily beaten by me now.

“That’s one of the reasons Nania became an adventurer. To become an S rank, to become famous, to become strong. After that, she wants to kill the pig lord and regain our old territory.”

After becoming adventurers for a while, Ellie’s group met Olba and then they joined his Dawn’s Battle Axe after a year or so.

“After I become an adventurer, I realized a lot of thing that I didn’t before, the reality. To return back our family’s administrating right in the old territory is impossible. The management at our new territory is running smooth too, now. But as for that pig lord, I’ll definitely take his head one day.”

I too hope that you will successfully kill that pig lord one day, Ellie.

When I woke up the next morning, I checked the status menu and Ellie’s status is now available. As expected, the loyalty points will only rise up after I’ve done her alright. Or maybe it’s because of the story that she had told me last night.

While thinking about such things, I turned over and was presented with Ellie in her nude glory, sleeping ever so peacefully. Crap, I’m getting into the mood again. However, if I were ever to touch her body during her sleep without permission, then her mood will likely worsen. No, she will definitely get angry, rather than be in good mood.

Should I wake her up for another round? Nobody is at home today so there’s nothing that can interrupt us.

I try to, but Ellie is awake and scolds me for it, saying that she’s not in the mood. But then we still have our fun during our morning bath. This is tsundere!

Tilika's master came on the day before our ceremony. He is a first-class Truth Official of the Empire. He seems to be quite a good person. I invite him inside, and together the three of us have a talk.

Tilika's circumstances are also quite bad. This is the story that I heard from her, just before our wedding ceremony.

"I had a parent. But I no longer have connection with them. Master is the only person that I have now."

"You had?"

"I was sold when I was still a kid. That's why my parental bond no longer exists."

Tilika's household was poor in the first place, then she was sold over to Truth Officials after they had discovered her magical talent. She is not a slave, but that doesn't change the fact that she was sold over.

"At that time, I was taught that my parents don't exist, and that my teacher is the one doing the parenting. Since I've come there, Drain had taken care of me."

In the training place, they said that family and ordinary life are obstacles when practicing the morality and discipline required as a Truth Official. It is said that they abandon everything in pursuit of absolute truth.

"Is it okay to be married?"

"It is in my interest to get a child as soon as possible."

"I'm sure that the child born from Masaru sama and Tilika chan will be cute!" Sati chimed in.

"...I wonder."

No, it's not like I'm infertile.

"I still have work as an adventurer for the time being, so..."

"I get it."

Right now, the grand master of Tilika in front of me is an old man with stern

expressions.

“Alright, I’m...”

When I tried to introduce myself, I was caught by the hand. “Is this guy really fine?”

“...good.”

Tilika chan lightly answered her master’s question with one word.

“Won’t you be able to find better?”

Hey, what do you mean by better...

“No need.”

“If you insist.”

After that, he turns toward me to ask some more questions.

“You’ll treat Tilika fairly, right?”

“Of course, but...”

What’s with this exchange? It is totally different from what I thought.

“Can you protect Tilika?”

“I’ll do my best to protect her with my utmost ability.”

“That’s good enough. Tilika, I’ll be in this town for a while. If there’s anything, then you can find me.”

“I understand, master.”

After he said so, he excused himself and left our house. I’m still puzzled though, so I just watch him go, dazzled.

“Is that all? He has no more to say?”

“My master already grasps your true intention, Masaru. I also pretty much know about it. That’s why it’s enough.”

I still don’t know what Tilika chan’s master’s name is yet. We’ve had no more than 3 exchanges. Will he really grasp my true intention that way?

Anyway, I’m glad that we manage to get blessings from Tilika chan’s master

safely.

That night was Tilika's turn. She said she's ready now, after getting the permission from her master.

Tilika chan had taken the bath first, ahead of me, so when I got out of bath I found that she's already ready and waiting, at the edge of the bed. I sit beside her as we face each other.

I consulted Ann beforehand, asking if this is really the condition to unlock someone's status and she said that this might be the easiest way. Truthfully, I'm not convinced that this is the true condition, but since it appears to be correct for my time with Ellie, then it seems that Ann is correct.

As a matter of fact, Ellie and Ann's opinions can't be taken lightly, seeing how they've never make a mistake so far.

"Plus, it's only fair if you do this to everyone."

In other words, it seems that the women's consensus is that all people can love equally. Well, we're going to get married and all, but for a Japanese such as me there is a difference between 'like' and 'love'. Thus, the question comes to my mind, [Does this child really love me?].

She did mention that she likes me a lot, but it's still unknown to me just how deep her 'like' is.

"I like you the most after onee chan. Is it not okay with Masaru?"

If she really likes me, then it's fine to make her my 2<sup>nd</sup> or my 3<sup>rd</sup> and we can get married. Although it's Tilika who first gave the green light for our marriage, if she's not willing then there's always another way.

"I'm jealous that onee chan only gives her affections to you, Masaru. I'm also jealous that onee chan is being loved so much by Masaru. I know that this is just an excuse, but I'm okay being in the middle."

I see. So, you're envious whenever I'm flirting around with Sati. Even though I'm okay if you want to join us whenever you want.

"Plus, both of you are weird, not being afraid of a Truth Official like me."

Actually, I'm not capable of reading the hearts of real people, unlike the girls in Japanese anime. You'll naturally know how the world works once you're an adult.

"Well, your previous fiancée, that noble boy also doesn't seem to be afraid."

"He just wants to get the title of Truth Official. I'm just a bonus."

I agree, it's not like he has a weird fetish towards Tilika's body or something...

"Till now, I feel that Masaru is awesome, for knocking that guy out."

"Re-really?"

"I want you to love me, just like how you love onee chan."

She threw the straight ball, huh. Makes me *dokidoki* for a moment.

But I always do it intensely with Sati though...

"I'll accept all of you, so it's okay."

That seals it! There's no turning back now!

But for her to say this now, don't tell me, my latest development with Ellie has been widespread...?

"Of course I've known about it. I'm supposed to report it to them too after this."

Although I once wished that someday a bunch of girls will do this about me, hearing it right out of someone mouth really makes me confused in my mind. Then will you report what's my favourite to the others too? Didn't all of you know it firsthand already, girls...?

"Shouldn't I do it?"

I'm making a troubled face, which makes her ask me.

No, it's okay. I guess that's a given, when we're married and living together.

There's no way I can last long, if I want to hide each and every thing that I've done.

"This kind of came as a shock to me, but it's not like I mind it, you know."

After thinking for a while, this is the answer that I came out with.

"I'm glad."

But wait. This might come out as an advantage for me, right? I mean, if they've known everything, then I can do whatever I want without reserve.

I turn toward Tilika, and gently hold her.

Tilika too, turns to face me, and gives me a full hug. It really feels wonderful. Tilika feels so soft in my embrace and she fits nicely in my hug.

"Tell me, just how did they teach you to handle me in bed, hm, Tilika?"

I caress her head gently, and whisper that question in her ear.

"K-kiss..."

That's right. I've never done that to Tilika before.

I loosen our bodies, and savor Tilika's cute lip thoroughly.

I can't wait anymore, so forgive me for starting it with French kiss right off the bat.

"Feels good?"

Feeling content, I ask her.

"That feels nice."

That little voice is really cute, plus her moist eyes and overall expression makes her look so sweet.

"Then, can I...?"

"Um, please...like onee chan..."

I pushed Tilika down. I can see a shade of pink from her cheeks, but she still insists how she wants to be done.

I see, I see. She wants it like that, huh. There's no way for me to know exactly if she's being too vague.

Next time, I hope that the other 3 will join us in bed.

But first I'll satisfy Tilika, who is with me at the moment. As you wish, I'll entertain you, just the way you like it.

Later on that day, Tilika's status menu finally appeared. Shows that she is really satisfied with my companionship. Me too, it feels good so I'm satisfied enough.

She said that she wants Sati to join us the next time we are together. It's quite a wonderful idea, if you ask me.

We still had time before our wedding, so I took Sati outside to test my large Golem spells.

It's a 20-meter-tall Golem, used in my previous battle. The size is very big, giving it a menacing look. Last time, there was an instance where the Golem looked like it was peeled off, but in reality there's nothing much to be scared of. George might be surprised if he heard about this.

I already made a 20-meter giant Golem, so I'd like to try to move it a bit. I'm afraid that its feet will collapse halfway through, though. Somehow, it's shape doesn't deform until I deactivate the magic. I wonder if this applies to real battle too?

Either way, 20 meters is the maximum size that I can build. I guess in real battle I'll reduce the size a bit and make a few of them.

I also tested Meteor and Flare. Just for safety, I only unleashed it after traveling 1 hour out of town. Meteor is a consecutive widespread magical attack. Flare is a fireball with an ultra-hot temperature for single use. Both have enough firepower to be the most powerful magic in the Fire element. If it's a battle between the 1<sup>st</sup> wall and the 2<sup>nd</sup> wall, then using Meteor would be a bad idea. Instead, use Flare. All and all, it's a nice testing experience.

On the way home, we went hunting for some Wild Rabbit. When we arrive, the gate keeper is already waiting for us. Did he find out about me practicing? I was scolded for it.

It seems that he heard the sound of Meteor and Flare, even from the gate. He didn't think that the sound came from a particularly large magic, so he didn't say much about it.

I'm worried that they all want to share rooms, but in the end both Ellie and

Ann have their own rooms. The master bedroom will be occupied by me, Sati, and Tilika. Once in a while I'll stay at the other two rooms too, based on the order. I don't know how long my body can hold. There's this skill called 'Peerless', but I'm in a bind whether to master that skill or not.

Apart from going looking for rings, I left almost everything about wedding arrangements to Anne and Ellie, and I was killing time with other things. Sati and Tilika are useless in this regard. Tilika was doing half a day of work, but Sati was only doing housework, and the rest going out with my errands and killing time.

Tilika is inviting only her master to our wedding. As for Ellie, her family territory is far in the south of the Empire, so it will take a long time for them to receive the letter. I promised her that I'll go greet her mother someday. I got in touch with the slave owner, and he said that he will come. Sati's family seems to be in the Kingdom, but of course I'm not inviting them.

Whenever I talked to her about her family, she will always turn sad. That's why I'll never bring it up again.

# Chapter 17 ~ Marriage

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On the day of the wedding, I'm fidgeting myself while waiting for the ceremony. Pg. 276

In the end, the onee chan that was on good term with Sati during her time at the slavery shop came. Not only her, even the 4<sup>th</sup> girl, whose price was the highest at that time, also came too. Together with them, there were 2 more people, who I thought were their guardians or something.

“Sati!”

“Selma san!”

The two of them run and hug each other. I watched it alongside the 4<sup>th</sup> girl. The 4<sup>th</sup> girl is wearing a very beautiful and elegant dress. Well, that means whoever took her is treating her very well.

Sati and Selma go to the corner of the room and talk. They also brewed tea and put it on the table.

“Hey, um?”

For the time being, Sati is having conversation with Selma san, so I tried to initiate one with the 4<sup>th</sup> girl, too.

“It’s Adelia. I came together with Selma, together with our attendant.”

“Both of you are from the same place?”

“Yes. We’re currently in big industry. Selma is doing the internal affairs, and I’m attending the shop.”

Now that they said it, I remember that both of them have complete educations.

“What kind of shop is that?”

“We handle everything. It may be groceries, miscellaneous goods, or chemicals as weapons. You’re an adventurer, right? You can also hire someone

from us to help your work.”

“No thanks, I don’t need one at the moment.”

“Isn’t business interesting? We always have big deals coming our way. I think this suits me very well. My husband also trusts me. That’s why I’m going to meet his expectation, and expand his shop!”

I’m glad that I didn’t follow my desire and buy this girl last time.

Even though it’s just after 2 months, she said that she loves doing managerial work a lot. I don’t think that she would like to be a wife to an adventurer like me. That’s why I’m glad that I chose Sati.

“But good for her. She always said that she is going to do her best, never would I have thought that she would get liberated.”

“All 4 of us are going to get married, don’t you think that it’s pitiful if one of them is still a slave?”

“4 people!? Does that mean you’re marrying 3 girls at once?”

“No, actually there are 4 brides.”

“*stupefied* I don’t know about this mister, you don’t even look that reliable. I heard that you’re a wizard, perhaps you are a good one? Or maybe you’re rich?”

“My ability as a wizard is so-so. As for money, well, I just have as much as what other adventurers have. Truthfully, even I’ve had trouble getting it around my head as to why 4 girls want to marry me at once.”

“Somehow, I get it, vaguely.”

“Sorry, we’ve gone way off topic. How is life like for Selma san and Adelia san?”

“Now that you ask, our life is not bad, I think? His wife is currently sick. For now, we’ve pretty much replaced her job. Selma is doing chores and she also acts as a nanny for madam’s child. He is still 2 years old, but it seems that he is a bright child.”

She told me how wonderful her life is, but seeing that she is a slave isn’t there

a possibility that she is hiding something?

As much as I want to like this child, she seems like a headstrong girl. If you were to ask me, her personality is close to that of Ellie. I'm glad that I didn't submit to my impulse back then and get this child.

Sati and Selma's talk seems to have been finished too.

Before she went out, she said stuff like [Congratulations on your wedding] [I'm wishing for your happiness] and so on. Sati asked Selma about her whereabouts, which means we can go visit her whenever we want.

"That's right, I wonder if it's fine for her to meet you personally next time. My husband and Madam are not that strict."

"Thank you, Adelia san. Onee chan, I'm sure that we will meet again."

"Yes. Then both of us will depart now."

Both me and Sati see them off.

"Aren't you glad that she came?"

"Yes. I'm glad that she is in fine health too."

After all the 4 brides come together inside, I was taken breathless for a moment and trembling in excitement.

"Everyone...looks very beautiful..."

I already saw it many times before at the tailor shop, but to see it now inside the chapel makes them look even more stunning and leaves me speechless.

"Thank you, Masaru."

Ann, who is nearest to me, gives her thanks with a beaming face.

"Now, let's go."

Ann urges us. The plan is for our group first, followed suit by Olba san and Nania san. Right in front of the shrine we are to give our pledges in front of the Gods.

"Hey, you done preparing?"

Nania san came over to Ellie and Ann's side.

"I-I'm still readying my heart..."

"Give it up, Masaru. We're going to start."

I was told so by Tilika.

"Deep in their heart, humans really are weak..."

Right now, we're at the section of the shrine hall. Right now, the hall is already filled with our guests. If I were to go out now, their focus will be immediately on me. This will be just like that time, during treatment.

"Hey, what are you turning into a chicken for. Just go out normally you hear, normally."

Ellie scolds me right after I activate Stealth.

Both of my sides are held down now by them, while Sati and Tilika follow from behind.

Cheers rise in the air.

I can hear the background music starting. I see, it's the wedding march.

Last time when I went to the other town, I met this bard at the lodging. He taught me various things when it came to celebrating the wedding ceremony.

The marching songs are Pachelbel: Canon; Bach: Air on a G String. I can't quite hear it clearly because it was overwhelming for me just to get it by [MimiCopy](#), but I pretty much get the main notes and it really soothes my ears. The organizer invited five of them to come as an orchestral team. This is because there is no orchestra or choir in the shrine.

I finally realized as I heard the familiar songs that I'm actually a married guy now.

Life really is unpredictable. Back when I was shut in my room, I never once thought that I'll go this far.

Although it is difficult to get by in this foreign world, I've got no complaints now that I've got 4 cute brides. It's regrettable because I can't introduce them to mom and dad. If I were to live here forever then, won't I someday get

grandchildren too...? Ah, I really went ahead of myself just now.

"What's wrong?"

Ann noticed that I'm tearing up and asked.

"I really wish to show all this to my parents back at my hometown."

"Well..."

But, it's not like my parents are the only ones absent in our marriage, everyone else's are too.

Ann and the others too, are separated from their parents. Today, after this, I'll write in the diary, asking for the god to contact my parents. I don't know if it is possible, but if they were to hear about this anyways, there's no way for them to believe it. At least they would know that I'm happy here.

Of course, I'm not planning on dying anytime soon.

Aside of that, right now I'm being too nervous in the hall filled with our guests. Even now, there is nothing that I can do except follow Ann and Ellie's guidance.

Well, in every wedding the groom is nothing more than an extra.

Everyone's true purpose is to see the brides.

Fortunately, the process of this wedding ceremony was simple.

All 5 of us were urged to get on the stage like actors, but there were neither ring exchanges or kisses.

High Priest sama asked all of us to pray and give our thanks to God for our ceremony. It's not like I remember much, but that's pretty much what we did.

After that we gave our pledges in front of High Priest.

Firstly, Ellie said the words of oath and I reply that I swear.

No, in this case, isn't this more helpful? In short, it seems that verifying what we want to do for marriage is enough. We just need to swear our love to God.

There is a Truth Official around too, because in this world it's common for people to marry for political reasons or some other excuse.

Of course, it seems to be a standard pledge of love just like any other wedding.

As a member of Empire nobility, and also as a mage, Ellie didn't do anything that would bring shame to either.

Ann believes in the teachings of God and practices it and spreads it, even after being married.

Tilika is the light of the truth that shines on us all.

And there is Sati.

"I-I'm with...t-together with Masaru sama..."

Not good, Sati doesn't seem to hear my voice now.

We've practice our vows beforehand, but it's not like I'm able to memorize it all you know? In this case, I can use that. I think I saw this scene in a classic movie somewhere before...

"In sickness and in health. Come on Sati, same line."

"In good times and in bad, in sickness and in health."

Sati began repeating after me.

"Either in pleasure or sorrow."

"During happiness or sadness."

"When we're rich or poor."

"When we're rich or poor."

"I will love you and honour you."

"I will love you and honour you."

"This person comfort, this person help, I swear to do my best as long as there is life in me."

"This person comfort, this person help, I swear to do my best as long as there is life in me...I swear...I swear. Forever, and ever..."

"Yes, that's right. Forever."

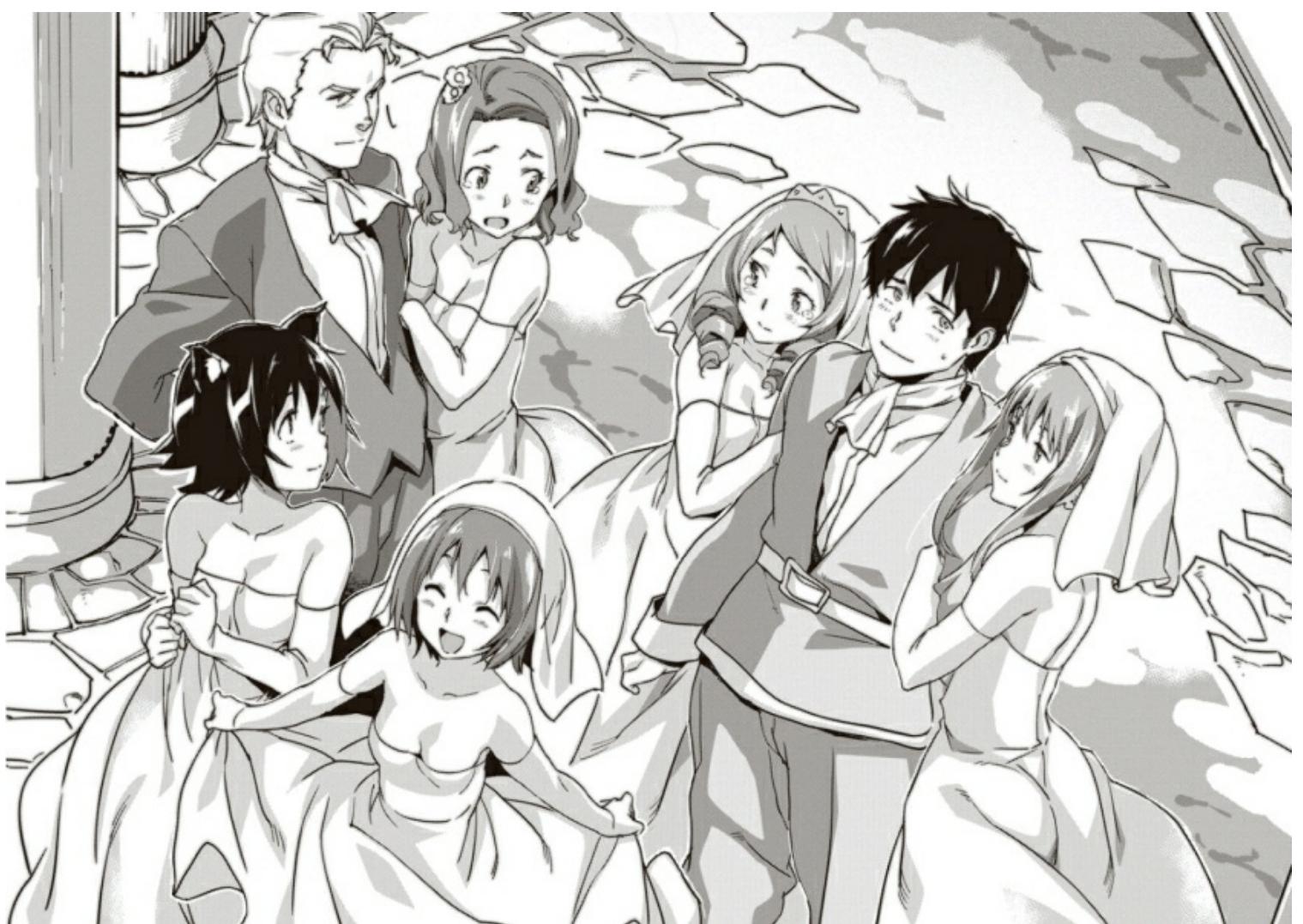
"You've made a great oath. Your marriage was approved in front of God and in front of many friends. Congratulations."

Finally, the priest officially acknowledges the marriage, and the cheers are raised again.

Sati shed tears and clung towards me. Tilika too, holds her tears and hugs Sati tightly.

I also cried a bit.

I never ever thought that I will shed tears during a wedding ceremony, but now I gladly do it without feeling embarrassed, even when in front of a crowd. Even Ann and Ellie teared up too.



A couple of hours that seemed like eternity ended, and I was finally released. I sat down at the orphanage dining hall.

Even after the oath ceremony is over, the wedding still hasn't ended yet.

Even in this world there is the concept of a wedding reception.

We already prepared a party style reception in the courtyard of the shrine. As for us, we are sitting in a gallery, higher than the ground, and we exchange greetings with those who arrive.

I just have a few acquaintances, but since I'm the groom the bride's guests also came and greet me.

I don't even know their names, but it seems like they know mine.

I don't know what to do, so I'm just left with, "Thank you for coming. Thank you." I just keep repeating that.

Honestly, I just want to leave that place for good, but since I'm monitored tightly by Ann and Ellie, I can't do it. Because I can't escape, I spend most of my time holed up inside the monastery toilet, waiting for it to end.

"Good work, Masaru."

"It's not that bad, this kind of thing."

Both Ellie and Ann came to me.

I already took off my suit and am currently wearing my casual shirt and pants.

Although I can't appreciate the beauty of their wedding dresses now, naturally I will ask them to wear it again at home.

Only for me alone.

"I'm not good with it you know, this kinda thing."

I really can't stand being in a place with many people, like a wedding ceremony.

I wonder if it is impossible to have a solemn atmosphere.

This time in particular, being in the lead really churned my stomach hard.

I can feel it malfunctioning already.

This is it.

"Are you okay, Masaru sama?"

"Let's go home and take a rest, Masaru. I am tired too."

Sati and Tilika are worried for me too.

Anne, Sati, Ellie and Tilika. Looking at all the girls' faces, I've come to a realization.

My wives.

They are all my brides.

Really, this is way too amazing.

"That's right. I'm already pooped for today."

The weddings are done for now, but there are still many things that I need to do.

There are still some things that I need to tell them.

"Let's go home. There are things that I would like for everyone to hear."

I'll tell everyone about my hometown in Japan first.

A story about Hello Work, the place that brought me to this world in the first place.

## character status

LV.21

山野マサル

種族 | ヒューマン 職業 | 魔法剣士

HP | 1017/1017 MP | 4697/4697 スキルポイント | 1P



### スキル

スキルリセット  
ラズグラドワールド標準語  
時計  
料理レベル2  
隠密レベル3  
忍び足レベル2  
気配察知レベル4  
体力回復強化  
根性  
肉体強化レベル3  
盾レベル3  
回避レベル3  
格闘術レベル1  
弓術レベル3  
投擲術レベル2  
剣術レベル4  
魔力感知レベル1  
高速詠唱レベル5  
魔力増強レベル5  
MP回復力アップレベル5  
MP消費量減少レベル5  
コモン魔法  
生活魔法  
回復魔法レベル5  
火魔法レベル5  
水魔法レベル3  
風魔法レベル3  
土魔法レベル4



## character status

lv.24

サティ

種族 | 獣人 職業 | 戦士

HP | 1164/1164 MP | 25/25 スキルポイント | 1P



### スキル

料理レベル2  
家事レベル2  
裁縫レベル2  
隠密レベル3  
忍び足レベル2  
聴覚探知レベル4  
嗅覚探知レベル2  
頑丈  
鷹の目  
心眼  
肉体強化レベル4  
敏捷増加レベル4  
回避レベル4  
盾レベル2  
剣術レベル5  
弓術レベル5  
生活魔法



## character status

Lv.4

アンジェラ

種族 | ヒューマン 職業 | 神官

HP | 22/22 MP | 186/186 スキルポイント | 2P



### スキル

料理レベル3  
家事レベル2  
棍棒術レベル1  
魔力増強レベル2  
MP回復力アップレベル2  
魔力感知レベル1  
回復魔法レベル4  
水魔法レベル2

### 装備

鉄のメイス  
神官服



ギルドランク  
なし

## character status

Lv.15

エリザベス

種族 | ヒューマン 職業 | 魔法使い

HP | 25/25 MP | 258/258 スキルポイント | 75P



### スキル

魔力感知レベル1  
高速詠唱レベル1  
回復魔法レベル1  
空間魔法レベル1  
火魔法レベル1  
水魔法レベル1  
風魔法レベル4  
土魔法レベル2

### 装備

魔法使いのローブ  
魔法使いの杖  
魔力の指輪



## character status

Lv.4

ティリカ

種族 / ヒューマン 職業 / 三級真偽官

HP / 12/12 MP / 68/68 スキルポイント / 20P



### スキル

料理レベル1  
魔眼（真偽）  
魔力感知レベル1  
水魔法レベル3

### 装備

真偽官の服



ギルドランク  
なし



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## character status

LV.20

山野マサル

種族 / ヒューマン 職業 / 魔法剣士

HP / 804/804 MP / 5395/5395 スキルポイント / 34P



### スキル

スキルリセット  
ラズグラドワールド標準語  
時計  
料理レベル2  
隠密レベル3  
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回避レベル3  
格闘術レベル1  
弓術レベル3  
投擲術レベル2  
剣術レベル4  
魔力感知レベル1  
高速詠唱レベル5  
魔力増強レベル5  
MP回復力アップレベル5  
MP消費量減少レベル5  
コモン魔法  
生活魔法  
回復魔法レベル4  
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水魔法レベル3  
風魔法レベル3  
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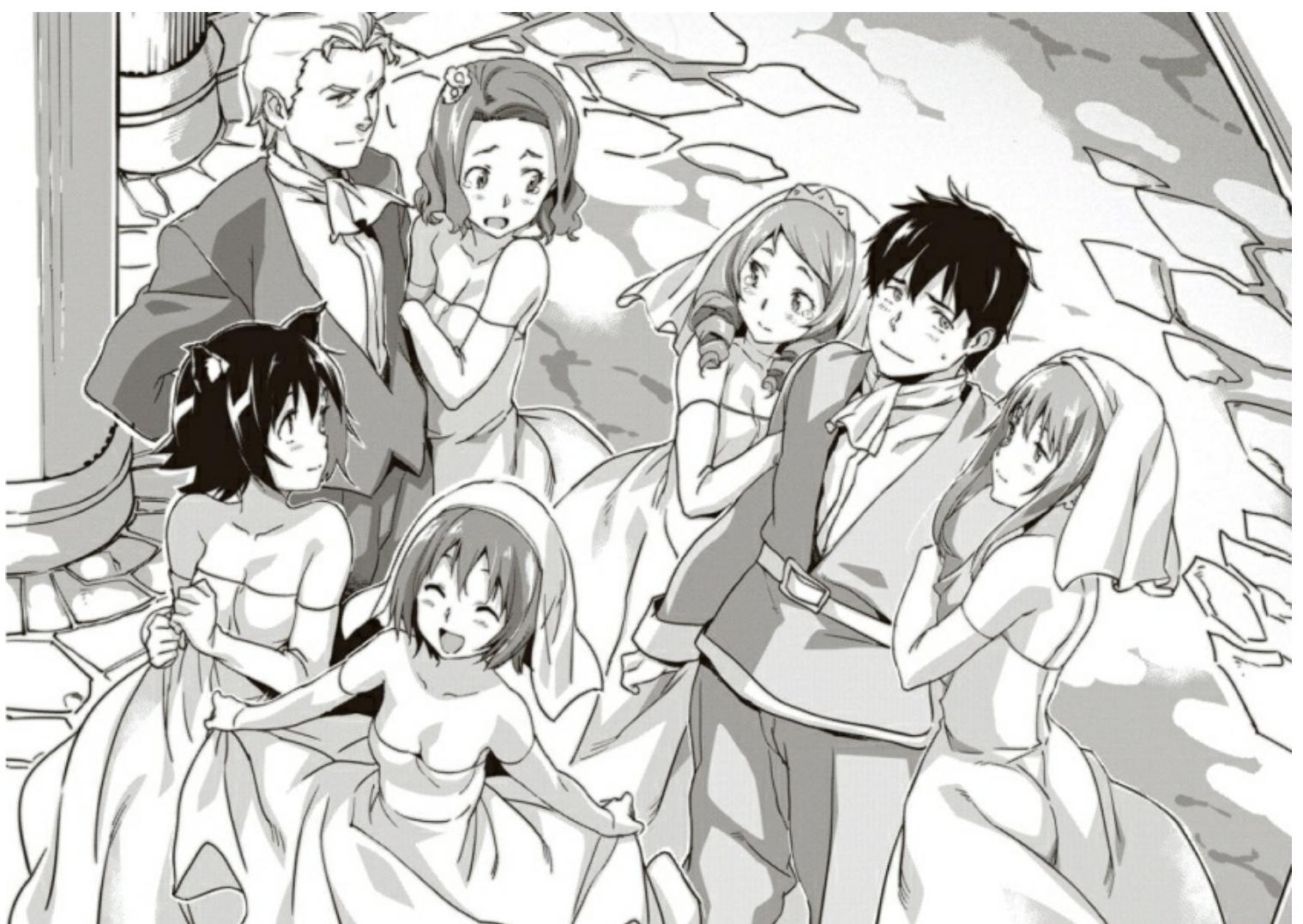












## character status

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水魔法レベル3  
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土魔法レベル4



## character status

lv.24

サティ

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HP | 1164/1164 MP | 25/25 スキルポイント | 1P



### スキル

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回避レベル4  
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剣術レベル5  
弓術レベル5  
生活魔法



## character status

Lv.4

アンジェラ

種族 | ヒューマン 職業 | 神官

HP | 22/22 MP | 186/186 スキルポイント | 2P



### スキル

- 料理レベル3
- 家事レベル2
- 棍棒術レベル1
- 魔力増強レベル2
- MP回復力アップレベル2
- 魔力感知レベル1
- 回復魔法レベル4
- 水魔法レベル2

### 装備

- 鉄のメイス
- 神官服



ギルドランク  
なし

## character status

Lv.15

エリザベス

種族 | ヒューマン 職業 | 魔法使い

HP | 25/25 MP | 258/258 スキルポイント | 75P



### スキル

- 魔力感知レベル1
- 高速詠唱レベル1
- 回復魔法レベル1
- 空間魔法レベル1
- 火魔法レベル1
- 水魔法レベル1
- 風魔法レベル4
- 土魔法レベル2

### 装備

- 魔法使いのローブ
- 魔法使いの杖
- 魔力の指輪



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Lv.4

ティリカ

種族 / ヒューマン 職業 / 三級真偽官

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水魔法レベル3

### 装備

真偽官の服



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